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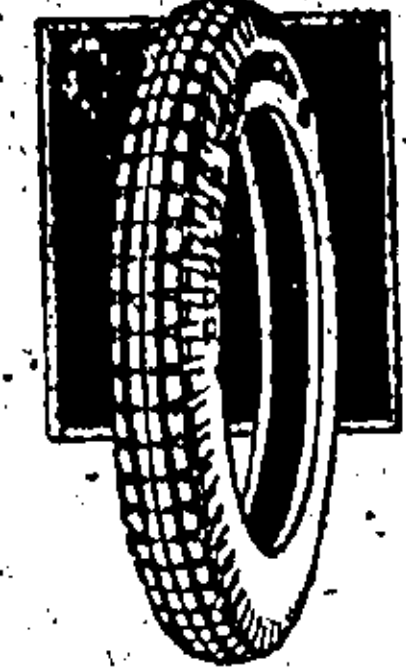
TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.—The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 11½d.

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UGLY SCENE AT HOME BY-ELECTION.

Mosley Candidate Called "Dirty Dog."

TORIES' GREAT VICTORY.

London, Yesterday.
The by-election at Ashton-under-Lyne, caused by the death of the Labour Member, Mr. Bellamy, has resulted as follows:—

Lieut.-Col. Broadbent (Con.) 12,420
Mr. Gordon (Labour) 11,005
Mr. Allen Young (Mosley Party) 4,472

Conservative Majority 1,415

Ashton is the fourth seat which the Conservatives have gained from Labour since the General Election, the others being Sunderland, Shipley, and West Fulham. Labour has gained two seats, namely, Preston and the Scotland Division of Liverpool.

Amazing scenes followed the declaration of the poll. A huge crowd outside the Town Hall, holding the Mosley Party responsible for the defeat of the Labour candidate, adopted a threatening attitude. The New Party supporters were surrounded and fists shaken in their faces amid cries of "traitor," "dirty dog," and "you let the Tories in."

The New Party candidate had to be smuggled out from the side entrance of the Town Hall with a strong police guard, and later Sir Oswald Mosley and his supporters were escorted by the Police to their Hotel through hooting and jeering thousands.

Mosley Delighted.

The Labour candidate, Mr. Gordon, in an interview, said that "a small group of deserters have handed over the seat to the Conservatives, but something also must have gone wrong with the works for us to drop 2,000 votes."

Sir Oswald said that he was delighted with the result. "We shall continue fighting all along the line."—Reuter.

No General Election.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Sir Herbert Samuel, addressing the National Liberal Club on the Budget, which he described as a Budget of Expedients, said that unless the Government failed to carry out the urgent economies required or to adopt the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the abuses of Unemployment Insurance system, he saw no reason to anticipate an early General Election.—British Wireless Service.

KING ENJOYS WALK IN CASTLE GROUNDS.

"First Constitutional" Since His Illness.

PRINCE MEETS GOLF PROS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
H.M. the King was able to enjoy a walk in the grounds of Windsor Castle to-day for the first time since his illness. Accompanied by the Queen, he spent nearly an hour before lunch in the sunshine, and was then driven back to the castle. The King is making excellent progress toward recovery.

Prince Plays Golf.

The Prince of Wales, who reached home yesterday after the South American tour, to-day played golf at Sunning Dale course in Surrey with Argentine professionals who travelled to Europe in the liner Arlanza.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier Cable.

London, Yesterday.
For the first time since his arrival at Windsor Castle, the King went out of doors to-day in brilliant sunshine, and spent an hour in the castle grounds.
Accompanied by the Queen, he walked half a mile to Frogmore and returned to the Castle by motor.—Reuter.

SEARCH FOR YOUNG BRITISH EXPLORER

Lost in Frozen Region of Iceland.

RESCUE EXPEDITION.

Reykjavik, Yesterday.
A race has started to rescue Mr. Augustine Courtauld. At Reykjavik the Icelandic patrol boat Odinn, carrying a seaplane and six members of the Icelandic Rescue Expedition, sailed this morning in an attempt to rescue Mr. Courtauld.

The Odinn should arrive at the great ice barrier, 60 miles from Angmagsalik, on the morning of May 1, whence four members of the expedition propose to fly by seaplane to Tasiusak, where the British air route expedition indicates that a good landing place is to be found.

Oslo, Yesterday.
The airman, Ahrenberg is still held up at Bergen by bad weather. Interested British circles have asked the Norwegian airman, Captain Riser Larsen, if he is willing to participate in the search. Larsen is considering the matter.—Reuter.

[Mr. Augustine Courtauld is the younger son of Mr. Samuel Augustine Courtauld, the cotton magnate, a Director of Courtauld's, Ltd., and President of the Huguenot Society of London.]

DRIVER'S RECORD.

DEFENDANT CHARGED WITH NEGLIGENT DRIVING.

LIGHT FINE.

"He has been fined fifteen dollars for speeding, and has already killed a person in Pokfulam," remarked Traffic-Inspector C. F. Alexander in the Central Police Court this morning, when he summoned the Chinese driver of a lorry for negligent driving in Lower Albert Road. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Inspector Alexander informed the Magistrate (Mr. W. Schofield) that the defendant drove at a fast speed round the Dairy Farm corner. It was very dangerous and had there been anyone walking in the street at the time defendant would not have been able to avoid him. One thing in defendant's favour was that he drove on the correct side of the road.

The Magistrate (to defendant): You must learn to drive more cautiously. Fined thirty dollars.

Red Light Ignored.

Prosecuting in a similar case, Inspector Alexander said that the defendant drove a public motor car, which had two Europeans as passengers, from Queen's Road Central toward the Hong Kong Club along Jackson Road. Although the red light was against him, defendant drove on, and in doing so, caused a tramcar to pull up suddenly. There was no collision, "but," added Mr. Alexander, "it is a dangerous thing to cut across a tramcar, when the red light is against you."

In view of a good record, Mr. Schofield fined the defendant only \$10.

SIR J. M. MELVILLE.

DEATH OF FORMER SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

London, Yesterday.
The death has occurred of Sir James Melville, Kt., M.P. for Gateshead since 1923, in his forty-sixth year.—Reuter.
[Sir James Benjamin Melville was appointed Solicitor-General in 1920. He was called to the Bar, Middle Temple, in 1906, and was created a King's Counsel in 1927, being knighted in 1929.]

MONEY LEFT.

LOCAL ESTATE OF MRS. JOHNS.

Mrs. Isabella Gardner Johns, formerly of Shanghai, who died on November 22 last in Boulogne-sur-Mer, left local estate to the value of \$3,000. Mr. R. E. Dennis, of Messrs. Hastings, Dennis and Bowley, attorney for the executor

"RATHER DIE THAN ADMIT." SCHEME

Boat Woman Airs Views on Etiquette.

UNFORTUNATE POSITION.

Before the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), in the Marine Court this morning, Sub-Inspector Chevalier charged the mistress of a passenger boat with carrying women in her boat for a certain purpose.

When the charge was explained to her by Mr. Shin, the interpreter, the defendant replied spiritedly: "I would rather die than admit that!"

Inspector Chevalier, in evidence, stated that at about 8.30 p.m. yesterday he was patrolling the harbour in a public motor boat and met the defendant's craft. He went alongside and looked into the sampan and saw two women inside. These women were dressed in light coloured silk. He asked them if they were women of a certain class and they admitted that they were.

Asked where they were going to, the two passengers replied that they were proceeding on board the s.s. Ha Li Lan. He did not understand which ship they meant, so he took the two passengers and the defendant on board his motor boat and directed the girls to indicate the ship to him. It turned out to be the Norwegian s.s. Hiran.

The Inspector added: "The girls prepared to go on board as the motor boat passed the gangway."

The Inspector offered to call the coxswain of the motor boat to support his evidence but the Magistrate decided to hear what defendant had to say.

Speaking from the dock in an injured tone, the defendant said that her boat was a passenger boat and she could not very well refuse hire. The two girls promised to pay her 40 cents to go out to the ship and she took them on. They did not appear to her to be immoral women. Defendant added indignantly: "I cannot very well ask every prospective female customer whether or not she is a prostitute. It is not etiquette!"

Replying to the Magistrate, Inspector Chevalier said that it was impossible to make any mistake as to the "profession" of the two girls. He added: "I have them outside if your Worship wants to see them. They are wearing the same clothes they were in last night."

His Worship did not accept the offer, and addressing the defendant said: "I am going to stop this if I possibly can in this Court. \$50 or six weeks."

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Appointment of Mr. J. R. Jones As Secretary.

TO DATE FROM MAY 1.

Shanghai, To-day.
Mr. J. R. Jones has been appointed to succeed Mr. Edwards as Secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Council. Mr. Jones came to Shanghai in 1924 to join the legal firm of Teesdale, Newman and MacDonald, and accepted the post of Assistant Secretary to the Council in 1928. He has been Joint Deputy Secretary for more than two years.

Mr. Jones's appointment dates from to-day, but he is going home on long leave, and during his eight months' absence his duties will be carried on by Mr. McKee, Deputy Secretary, and Mr. R. W. S. Winter, who was seconded from the office of the Municipal Advocate.—Reuter.

has been granted re-sealing of probate.

Yao Cheng-shi, otherwise known as Cheng Se-ching, or Triah Bat, who died at her residence, 295, Hennessy Road, Hong Kong, on March 2 this year, left estate valued for probate at \$85,500. Her husband, Yao Yaw-beng, is sole beneficiary under the will, and probate has been granted to him.

NEW SILVER SCHEME

SUGGESTION FROM CANADA.

\$2 PIECES?

RESTORING THE OLD RATIO TO GOLD.

Toronto, Yesterday.
International, or, as a major alternative, Imperial action for the restoration of the value of silver coinage to at least something like the old ratio to gold, was urged as a cardinal remedy for the world economic depression by Mr. Arthur Meighen, the ex-Premier, addressing the Canadian Press Association to-day.

He pointed out that the great fall in the past five years of silver, which was the sole measure of value and the medium of exchange for over half the world's population, had demoralised the exchange of commodities between gold and silver currency nations.

He suggested that if the United States, Germany, and other countries declined to co-operate with the British Empire, the latter should combine through

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

A feeble anticyclone is central to the N.W. of Shanghai. Depressions lie over Indo-China and to the S.E. of the Loochoos.

Forecast:—S.W. or variable winds; moderate to light; fair to showery.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—0.18 inch. Rainfall since January 1—13.11 inches against an average of 11.84 inches—surplus 1.27 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	78
Macao	76
Pratas Island	74
Manila	76
Poochow	65
Swatow	68
Shanghai	52
Chefoo	47

the establishment of a British Commonwealth Bank to purchase silver and standardise the price on the basis of approximately a 20/1 silver to gold ratio. He also suggested that Canada might take the lead in extending its largely silver coinage with one and two dollar pieces, replacing to some extent the present note issue.

It was implied that the whole subject might be considered at the Imperial Economic Conference.—Reuter.

FRENCH CANADIANS

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Welcome for Japanese

Royal Tourists.

GUESTS OF GOVERNMENT.

Ottawa, Yesterday.

Prince and Princess Takamatsu were cordially welcomed here on their arrival from Quebec, being officially greeted by the Secretary of State, Mr. Cahan, representing the Dominion Government, and Mayor Houde.

They are the guests of the Dominion Government. Prince Takamatsu is keen in his appreciation of the French Canadians' welcome during his Canadian tour.—Reuter.

WAVE OF SERIOUS CRIME.

An Armed Robbery in Kowloon.

VICTIMS GAGGED.

A wave of serious crime seems to be breaking over the Colony during the past two days, another armed robbery being reported from Kowloon this morning.

It was reported to the Police early this morning that a gang of five robbers armed with daggers entered the first floor of No. 17, Pitt Street, and after binding and gagging all the occupants, who were female Chinese, looted the place at their leisure, finally decamping with money, jewellery and clothing to the value of nearly \$1,000.

Clear Get-Away.

This daring affair took place at about 8 a.m. this morning, when the streets were thronged with people, but in spite of this, the perpetrators made a clean getaway, and it was not until the unfortunate victims were able to free themselves that the alarm was raised.

A China Mail representative interviewed the occupants of No. 17, Pitt Street, and they gave a graphic account of the outrage.

Tam San-ye (26), spinster, said "I was asleep in my cubicle, which is the rear one of four cubicles on the floor, when I was suddenly awakened by a man entering my room and ordering me to get up. He held a knife over my head and told me not to call out or he would kill me. He spoke in the Punti dialect. I got out of bed and the man pulled me from the room and forced me into the second cubicle. There I saw all the other occupants bound and gagged. I was treated in the same manner, and thrown on the floor with the others."

Armed With Daggers.

"There were four other robbers in this cubicle, all armed with daggers. After I was bound and gagged the men spread two large quilts over us, and leaving one of their number on guard, the remainder commenced to ransack the room. After about 20 minutes they all left, and we heard them go out through the door. We struggled and freed ourselves and immediately called out 'Save Life' and a policeman came."

"I myself lost \$230 in money, a pair of gold bangles valued at \$70, a gold chain value \$30, a wrist watch of the same value, a gold ring value \$5 and a black waist-band valued \$10. All these things they took from my person, I lost nothing from my room."

Tied With Wire.

Ng Chat-mui (42), said the robbers entered and after tying her up with wire, they seized her daughter and treated her in a like manner and gagged her with walnuts. Another victim was Chau Mui, who occupies the second cubicle. Tang Ngan, another of the residents, lost jewellery and clothing.

Up to the time of going to press no arrests have been made but the detective branch at Yau-mai are busy on the case and an arrest is expected to be made soon. The men were dressed in Chinese style of clothing.

TORPEDO EXPLODES IN ARSENAL.

Tragic Accident in Rio de Janeiro.

FORTY-FIVE DEATHS.

Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday.
Twenty-one workmen were killed and 97 injured owing to an explosion at the Naval Arsenal here to-day.

Probable Cause.

Later.
It is now stated that 45 men were killed and 78 injured through the explosion at the Naval Arsenal at Niteroy, the capital of the State of Rio de Janeiro. A large machine shop was completely destroyed and other buildings were very badly damaged.
The accident is believed to have been due to the explosion of a torpedo containing 800 pounds of high explosives.—Reuter's American Service.

SOCIETY FLOCKS TO COVENT GARDEN.

New Zealand Test Team Arrives.

THE COURTS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Although the Grand Opera season began on Monday night and throughout the week has been attracting fashionable audiences to Covent Garden, the event which is generally regarded as the opening of the London Social season takes place to-morrow, when the private view of the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition takes place at Burlington House. In spite of the industrial depression, all indications point to a brilliant round of social events during the season, of which the outstanding functions in May are the first two Courts to be held by their Majesties at Buckingham Palace on May 19 and 20.

Chelsea Flower Show and the Royal Military Tournament will, as usual, also be held during the coming month. The principal outdoor events of the season, however, take place in June, including among many others, the Derby and Ascot Races, Trooping the Colour, Military Tattoo, International Horse Show, Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships, Royal Air Force Pageant, and the Test Match between England and New Zealand cricket team, which arrived to-day.—British Wireless Service.

MINERS' WAGES.

DEPUTATION RECEIVED BY PRIME MINISTER.

NEW BILL WANTED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Prime Minister, accompanied by the Lord Chancellor and other Ministers, received a deputation from the Miners' Federation and the Miners' Members of Parliament to-day. A general exchange of views on the situation in the mining industry took place and it was agreed that a committee representative of the Government and the Executive of the Miners' Federation should further examine the position in the immediate future.

It is understood that the discussion extended to minimum wage proposals, which the Federation has embodied in a Bill for establishing a guaranteed daily wage equal to pre-war rates, plus an increase in the cost of living, and also a guaranteed weekly wage. This will also be examined by a smaller committee appointed to-day.—British Wireless Service.

Early News.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Members of the Executive of the Miners' Federation, and mining Members of Parliament, were received by the Prime Minister and other members of the Government this morning, in connection with the demand of the Miners' Federation for the immediate introduction of the Miners' Minimum Wage Bill, the chief terms of which are a minimum daily wage and a guaranteed week.—British Wireless Service.

CANADIAN MISSION.

BRITISH DEPUTATION TO VISIT PREMIER.

INSPECTION OF PLANTS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Mission despatched by the Federation of British Industries to Canada to study conditions with a view to the stimulation of trade relations, will be busily engaged in Conferences in Montreal, where great interest and sympathy are displayed. The Mission, headed by Sir James Lithgow, left to-day for Toronto. After inspecting the industrial plants in Hamilton and Niagara, they will visit Ottawa, where an interview with the Prime Minister, Mr. Bennett, will take place next Thursday.—British Wireless Service.

GAMBLING CAUSES LOSSES TO B.A.T.

Cigarette Counters for "Luk Po Chi."

LOCAL PROSECUTIONS.

A cause for considerable losses in sales of the British American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd., recently, was explained by Detective-Sergeant R. J. Clarke in the Central Police Court this morning, before Mr. Schofield.

The case was mentioned as the result of a raid carried out on a gambling den at 157 Queen's Road West, ground floor, and at which place 33 men were arrested. However, only 16 appeared before the Magistrate, and the balls of the absentees, which totalled \$51, were estrated.

The first defendant admitted being the keeper and was fined \$50 or four weeks' jail in default, whilst the second and third defendants, who stated that they were merely employed by the first defendant as foks, were fined \$25 or in default two weeks' jail each. The rest of the gamblers were fined \$2 each.

"Rolling The Ball."

Prosecuting, Det.-Sergt. Clarke explained that the game was called "Luk po chi" (rolling the ball) and was similar to the game called "crown and anchor." He said that a raid was made at 2.45 p.m. yesterday at the shop and the first three defendants were at the counters, to which two boards were attached. At one end "sat the keeper of the bank. The gamblers betted on a certain colour and the winner was repaid his ten cents as well as thirty cents worth of cigarettes. If a man had big winnings he could use the cigarettes (his winnings) as counters for betting. A poster was fixed to the front of the premises and Sergeant Clarke stated that the first defendant said that they had had permission from the B.A.T. Company to run the game. This statement was strongly denied by the B.A.T. manager when seen by the prosecuting officer, and, in fact, he had been informed that the Company had requested the defendant to stop the game.

Sales Affected.

Sergeant Clarke went on to say that since these institutions had been started in the Colony the sales of the B.A.T. Company had gone down considerably. The point he would like to emphasise was that the cigarettes in the packets were bruised and pressed through constant handling, and that when smoked by a purchaser, the B.A.T. Company would be blamed for the inferior quality of the cigarettes. His Worship, after fining the defendant as stated above, ordered that all the apparatus as well as the cigarettes be confiscated. The money picked up (\$13.80) was ordered to be given to the Poor Box.

MADEIRA REBELS LYING LOW.

Loyal Forces Land Without Resistance.

OPERATIONS SUCCESSFUL.

Lisbon, Yesterday.

The fighting is still hanging fire in Madeira because the insurgents are lying low, judging from a telegram from the Minister of Marine and Commander-in-Chief of the expeditionary force, to the Government. He reports that "the operations were begun with complete success. A detachment was landed and did not encounter any resistance and required no naval co-operation. The forces have occupied their positions according to plan."—Reuter.

CAUCASUS 'QUAKE.

SHOCKS CONTINUE WORK OF DESTRUCTION.

FURTHER FATALITIES.

Moscow, Yesterday.
Earthquake shocks continue in the Zangezur district at Azerbaijan, resulting in further fatalities and destruction of dwellings.—Reuter.

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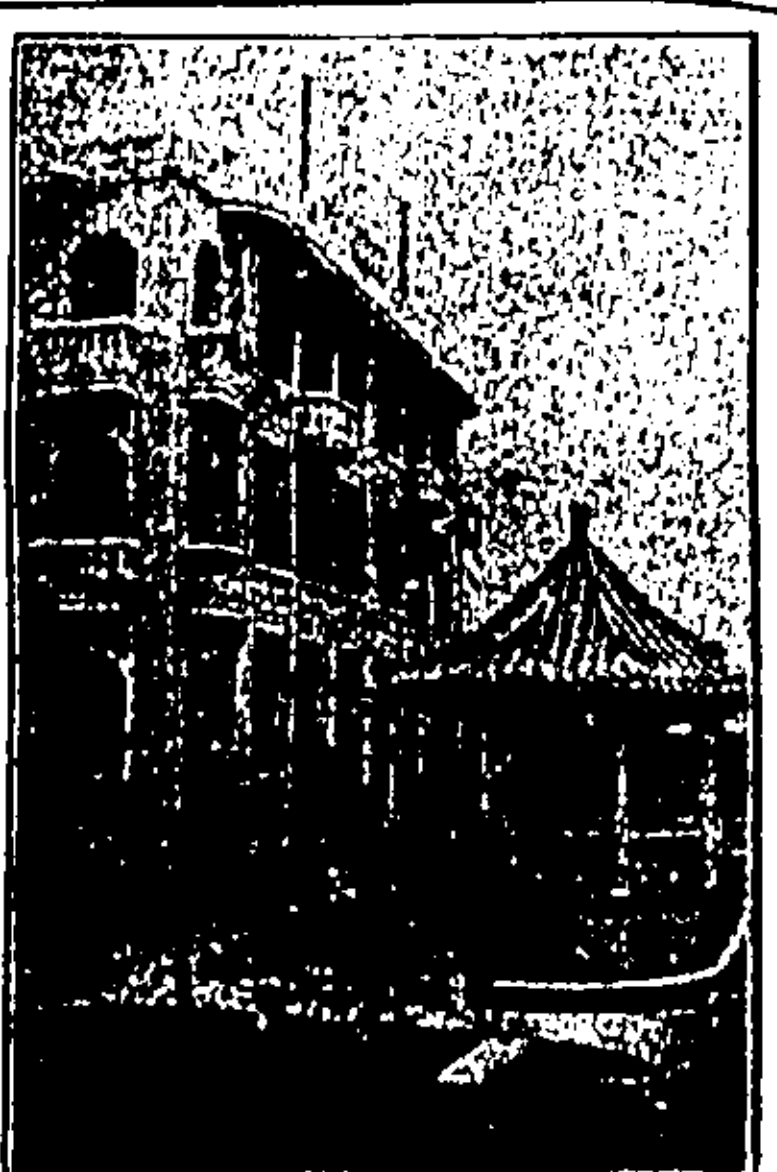
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.	ft. ft. ft. ft. about	31,250	\$12.50	\$12,500

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SPORT NOTICES**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 2nd May, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m.
The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffin will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th April, 1931.

COMPANY MEETINGS**THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on TUESDAY, the 19th May, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th May, 1931, both days inclusive.

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THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE.

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in Scotland.

DIFFERENT FROM ENGLISH.

Sir William A. Craigie, Professor of English in the University of Chicago, joint editor of the Oxford English Dictionary since 1901, and author of "The Pronunciation of English, English Spelling," and "The Study of American English," writing in the Saturday Review of Literature of New York, on English as spoken and written on both sides of the Atlantic, says:—

"It is easy to begin to enumerate outstanding differences between American and English usage. Any one familiar with the everyday speech of the two countries can without much thought put down a score or two of words or phrases, the choice of which would at once reveal the nationality of the speaker."

Some Sample Differences.

"The use of the sidewalk in place of the pavement, the carrying of a grip in place of a bag, travelling by a street car, or surface car, or trolley instead of by a tram, using an elevator and not a lift, taking a round trip as the equivalent of a return ticket, commuting instead of holding a season ticket, making a reservation instead of booking a seat or place, having baggage rather than luggage, and being looked after on the train by a conductor instead of a guard—all of these will inevitably stamp the American tourist with the place of his origin."

"In keeping with these modes of speech he may also be expected to ask for candy and crackers when he means sweets, and biscuits, to talk of drug stores and book stores, of editorials and schedules (with sk), and may cause some bewilderment by saying that his second class meal need not be forwarded. Conversely the British traveller in the United States must familiarise himself with these differences, or run the risk of not understanding and being himself misunderstood."

"Whenever a long list of such variants is produced, there are usually expressions of dissent from one side to the other, showing that the differences are by no means so absolute as has been assumed. The fact that the English of Great Britain is far from uniform is apt to be overlooked in such comparisons. The ordinary American term, while strange to the southern Briton may be perfectly well known to the Briton of the North or to the Scot."

"It is legitimate, no doubt, to give 'railway' as typically British in contrast to the American 'railroad,' but the fact is that railroad has from the beginning been the familiar term in the North of England and Scotland, and that railway is far from unknown in the United States. Similar modifying notes would have to be added to many of such pairs of variants, if strict accuracy is desired. Parallel columns cannot always convey the entire truth."

"To set down without comment, as has been done, pitcher and jug, mantelpiece and chimney-piece, rare and underdone, shoe and boot, shoemaker and bootmaker, as definite contrasts between the usage of the two countries, is to leave a considerable part of the tale untold. A drug store may answer to a chemist's shop, but the ordinary chemist's shop in Britain bears little resemblance to a drug store of the usual type."

"What would naturally be a shop in any part of Great Britain may as naturally be a store all over the United States, but this bald contrast does not imply that there are no stores in London, or shops in New York and Chicago. The United States have even preferred shop in some applications where it is not usual in English."

Some Differences by no Means Permanent.

"Another important factor is that even the unquestioned differences are not permanent. Some of them are already being effaced by closer contact between the two countries familiarising the natives of the one with the speech of the other. Some time it is English use that affects American; more frequently, perhaps, the influence is the other way. The effect of American-English on that of Britain and on the English-speaking world at large, has yet to be traced in detail, but some of the main facts are clear enough."

"The growth of American literature in the nineteenth century, and especially the rise of a real American school of writers, not afraid to use the words and phrases of the ordinary speaker, completely altered the situation. British readers rapidly became accustomed to the vocabulary of the new writers, which attracted them by its novel and picturesque character, and either unobtrusively adopted or unconsciously assimilated no small part of it."

"In this way, for nearly a century, words and phrases of purely American origin have crept into ordinary English, almost unnoticed. Without this 'the difference' be-

ECHO OF THE THIRTY-SEVEN RONINS.

Death of Sadao Inuma.

"WHITE TIGER" BAND.

An historic incident of Japan's civil war, the struggle that led to the overthrow of feudalism and the emergence of Japan as a World Power, is recalled by the death of Sadao Inuma, who was the last survivor of the Byakkotai, or "White Tiger" Band. After ruling Japan for two and a half centuries, the Tokugawa Shogunate was overthrown in 1868 and the Emperor restored to power. Isolated groups, loyal to the old Shogun, continued, however, to offer resistance, one of the last being the Lord of Aizu. Many, even of his own personal followers, were urging him to give in, but a group of boys, all of Samurai birth, who were members of his fencing school, pledged themselves to fight to the last. Organising into a band under the name of Byakkotai, they made a terrific onslaught, and though most of them were no more than 16 or 17 years of age, no less than seventeen out of the thirty-seven composing the band fell fighting. The twenty survivors, most of them wounded, thereupon withdrew to a neighbouring hill to re-form and make a final onslaught, but seeing their Lord's castle in flames realised that nothing more could be done. Rather than surrender, they decided to die in accordance with Samurai tradition, and all committed hara-kiri on the spot. In one case, a lad of 16, the wounds did not prove fatal, and when the Imperial troops arrived and found him still breathing, so greatly impressed were they by such extraordinary loyalty, that they nursed him back to health. By the time he recovered the civil war was at an end and he was taken into the service of the new Government.

The name of the youth thus saved was Sadao Inuma, and it is the same Inuma whose death, at the age of 78, is now recorded. Here it may be recalled that on July 7, 1884, an Imperial Rescript rehabilitated the nobility, whose rank and power had disappeared with the Shogunate, and the Government has never had occasion to regret this act of generosity.

"BIG THREE."

TO SPEAK IN ALBERT HALL ON JULY 11.

WORLD DISARMAMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Lloyd George have promised to speak at a national demonstration in favour of world disarmament, which will be held at the Albert Hall on July 11.

This will be the first occasion on which the leaders of the three political parties have spoken on a common platform, to urge disarmament—British Wireless Service.

tween the American and the English idiom at the present day would be more numerous and obvious than they are.

"The tendency to separate, which has seemed so inevitable to many, is being counteracted in other ways. The very growth of the population in the United States and Canada, which will bring about in time a shifting of the centre of English, will also act as a uniting force, affecting Britain and the British Colonies on the one hand, and on the other that large section of the world which is steadily acquiring English as a second tongue."

"Prophecy in regard to languages is no more to be depended on than in any other line. If the prophets had been right, some languages would have been extinct several generations ago. Looking forward, however, with the tendencies of the present time to guide us, it may be suggested that the steady expansion of English as a world language may bring with it the solution of the question with which we started."

"A distinct American language, clearly marked off from other forms of English, in the same way as one Germanic or Romance language is from another, is less likely to arise than seemed possible a century ago. The Great American Novel, we are assured, can no longer be written on account of the complex variety which has come into American life, making it impossible for one book to mirror all its phases."

"The new American language, it may be, is equally impossible, for the reason that it can no longer develop by itself, but must keep in touch with that wider English which concerns the world at large."

"What part it may play in the further development of that English is another question, which may as well be left to time to settle."

'GHOSTS' OF WINDSOR CASTLE.

Fired Five Shots at One.

SCARED SENTRY.

Many are the ghost stories told about Windsor Castle. People have declared that they have seen and heard things there that have convinced them that the historic Castle is haunted.

Perhaps one of the strangest ghost stories connected with the Castle is that in which a sentry of the Coldstream Guards was involved, in 1906.

The sentry declared that whilst on duty on the historic East Terrace, one Saturday night, he saw the figure of a "ghost" glide up the steps.

No Reply.

"I challenged it," said the Guardsman, and it made no reply. The thing came to a standstill only a few yards from me, and I fired. But apparently the first shot made no impression, so I fired the other four.

"The bullets must have gone clean through the ghost, but they left it unharmed. And then it disappeared."

In the meantime, the sentry's comrade had heard the shots, and hastened to his friend's assistance. He found him dazed and in a condition that indicated he had had a very great fright.

The scared man related his story, but the second sentry could not find any trace of the ghost.

The Castle guard was then called out, and to the officer in command the story was retold. The sentry described the "ghost" as "a man with piercing eyes and long flowing robes."

But his commanding officer took an unsympathetic view, and when the man was taken before Major Lambton at the Victoria Barracks he was charged with "firing without sufficient cause."

The sentry stoutly defended himself. "I gave the challenge 'Halt!' and 'Who goes there?'" he said, "and on receiving no answer I had to use my rifle."

After the Major had carefully considered the case, the sentry was sentenced to three days' confinement to racks.

Queen Elizabeth.

The firing took place under the windows of King Edward VII's apartments, and it was thought that the sentry must have mistaken a stone elephant for a man in the dim light of early dawn.

When the elephant was examined, the stone being chipped in five places.

This elephant, and its companion on the other side of the steps looking down to the East Terrace were shortly afterwards removed.

The two elephants, by the way, were selected for Queen Victoria from the Kaiserbörgh of Lucknow by Lord Canning in 1858.

Queen Elizabeth, Henry VIII., Charles I., some of the Georges, Nell Gwynne, and Anne Boleyn have all been reported to haunt the Castle.

An officer of the Foot Guards was once sitting in the Royal Library reading, in the gloaming, when (so he said) he heard a rustle of silken dress, and, looking up, saw the ghost of Queen Elizabeth glide across the room.

He did not fire a rifle—as he had not one with him—but he buckled on his sword and reported the matter.

The Dean's Good Turn.

One of the most humorous stories connected with Windsor Castle "ghosts" concerned the late Dean Wellesley, who was Dean of Windsor for many years during Queen Victoria's reign.

One bitter winter night a sentry was on duty in the Dean's Cloisters—a rather eerie place after dark—when "a thin bony hand" suddenly appeared through a slit in the wall near the sentry's head. In the hand was a glass of steaming hot grog.

The sentry took to his heels and ran down the hill to the guard-room, where he told his comrades that he had seen a ghost.

It was afterwards found that the Dean, taking pity on the sentry, had prepared a glass of hot whisky and water for him, and was in the act of handing it through a small window when the sentry made off.

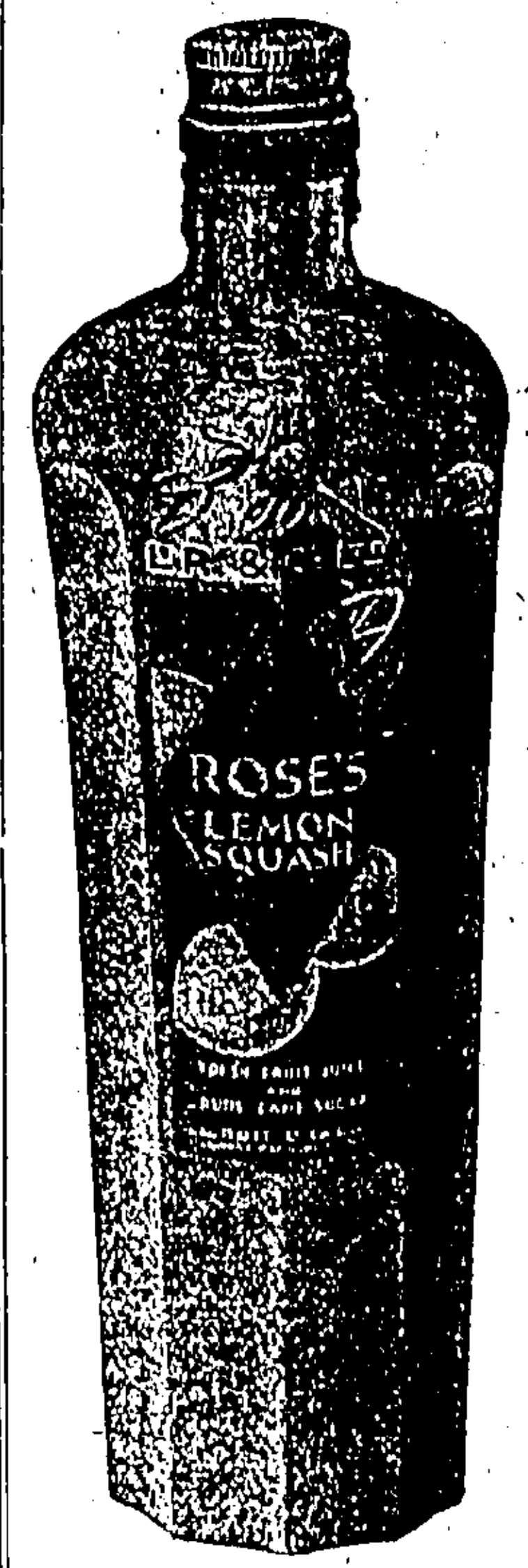
PURIFICATION OF LANGUAGE.

Some considerable time ago the BBC gave instructions for compiling a booklet indicating how various English words should be pronounced. This example is now being followed by Germany.

The "Reichs Rundfunk Gesellschaft" has requested Prof. Siebs of the Breslau University to compile such a book for the German language.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance, left for Hangchow on April 20, to visit his mother who is convalescing in the lakeside city.

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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Kinai Maru	Mon.	1st June
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Pandora—North Arm.
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Sandwich—South wall.
Sterling—North Arm.
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IDLE TONNAGE.

NEARLY TWO MILLIONS LAID-UP IN SCANDINAVIA.

The long continuing depression in the world freight market has brought about a further increase in the number of ships which have had to be laid up in Sweden, Norway and Denmark. According to reports received by the Shipowners' Association of Sweden, the tonnage of the idle ships of over 300 gross tons which were laid up in Sweden at the beginning of this year amounted to 188,000 deadweight tons, increased to 325,000 tons at the commencement of February, and further rose to 196 ships of 428,000 deadweight tons on March 1. All sizes of ships have participated in the augmentation, the largest number being those of between 1,000 and 2,000 tons.

In the case of Norway, the idle ships numbered 238 of 858,000 deadweight tons on January 1, increasing to 284 vessels of 1,023,000 tons on February 1 and further to 315 ships of 1,128,000 tons on March 5 of which 64 of 250,000 tons applied to Bergen. In this connection it is noteworthy that the Norwegian total of idle ships only includes about 20 of a combined 110,000 tons which are motorships, while all the others are steamers. In Norwegian harbours are laid up 255 ships of 940,000 tons, while the remainder are to be found in foreign ports. It is calculated that the dormant capital represented by the laying up of one-fourth of the Norwegian fleet amounts to 275,000,000 kr.

At the beginning of the year Denmark had lying idle ships of a total of 173,000 tons; on February 1 the number was 91 of 317,000 tons, but the idle tonnage decreased to 313,000 tons on March 1.

CARGO STEAMER SUNK.

Feared Loss of 10 Lives.

Douglas, March 18.
The steamer Citrine, of Glasgow, was wrecked off the southern coast of the Isle of Man on Tuesday night, and it is feared that there are only two survivors, who managed to scramble ashore. The Citrine, a cargo vessel of 580 tons, belonging to William Robertson, Glasgow, left Belfast Light at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon for Trevor, North Wales. She carried a crew of 11 and one passenger, Leopold Warren, aged 17, of Glasgow, the son of the ship's cook.

The ship met bad weather and anchored off Bangor for 24 hours. When approaching the Manx coast on Tuesday night a thick mist came on, and the Citrine was trying to pick up the Chickens light on the extreme south of the island, when she struck the rocks under Bradda Head. She was some seven miles north of her proper course, having apparently been carried by a strong tide, which sets north at this point. After she struck, the captain gave orders for full steam astern, and the boat slid off the rocks into the water. She must, however, have been badly holed, as she at once began to fill. An attempt was made to launch a boat, but before that could be done the crew were washed into the sea. Hugh Morrison, 32, and Leopold Warren, managed to swim to the foot of the cliffs. They saw the ship turn on her side and sink.

Morrison states that while swimming ashore he could hear the others cry out, but owing to the pitch darkness could do nothing. When he reached the cliff he thought he was the only survivor, but soon after Warren scrambled to a rock near by. They were afraid to move after that on account of the darkness. They stood on the rock all night, with the waves at times washing over their feet. It was freezing, and with difficulty they kept their position until daylight. Then they scrambled to the top of the cliff and eventually reached a cottage, where they were given food.

This afternoon the Port Erin lifeboat found the Citrine lying in about five fathoms of water. She had searched the vicinity of the wreck in the morning, and picked up the body of James Black, chief engineer, a lifebelt, and the hatches of the vessel, which had apparently been forced off the boat by water filling the holds.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, April 29.
Cepolis, British str., 3,365 tons, Capt. R. S. Grigg, from Balikpapan, A.P.C. Wharf—A.P.C.
Hangsang, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. J. Moodie, from Canton, buoy No. 21—J. M. & Co.

Thursday, April 30.
Borneo, British str., 1,297 tons, Capt. R. A. Pritchard, from Saigon, buoy No. A15—Wo Fat Sing.
Canton, French str., 974 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. C6—M. M.
Henri Rivier, French str., 1,355 tons, Captain L. Paul, from Saigon, buoy No. C2—Lee Tung Hing.

Kiangsu, British str., 1,555 tons, Captain E. D. Penhale, from Bangkok, buoy No. B9—B. & S.
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TANKER TO RESCUE. LIFEBOAT WORK IN ATLANTIC GALE.

Dismasted, pumps choked, and water gaining on her, the Newfoundland schooner Dorothy Baird drifted in wild weather in the Atlantic for 15 days last year. Then the Swansea tanker British Valour hove in sight, a boat was put out for her in the rough sea and strong wind, and captain and crew were saved after a long ordeal. At Swansea in mail week, official thanks were tendered to the chief actors in this typical episode of the brotherhood of the sea.

Captain H. Hooper, M.V., of Whitby, master of the oil tanker, British Valour, which recently, towed the disabled British Motorist from the Bay of Biscay to Swansea in five days, was the recipient of a vote of thanks, inscribed on parchment, from the Government of Newfoundland, at the Swansea Docks Exchange for very fine rescue work in the Atlantic Ocean a year ago. The Newfoundland schooner, Dorothy Baird, of St. Johns, with a crew of seven hands, was in distress in January—February, 1930, owing to heavy weather and high seas. Two masts had been carried away, and the schooner had sprung a leak. The pumps were started, but became choked, and the water gradually gained on the vessel.

In this condition the schooner drifted for 15 days, when, on February 10, she was sighted flying distress signals by the British Valour. Captain Hooper, in command, immediately went to the schooner's assistance.

In Stormy Sea.
The sea was still very rough, with a very heavy swell and a strong wind blowing, but in spite of this a steel lifeboat was launched from the tanker in charge of Mr. F. J. Goodchild, chief officer, with a crew composed of H. J. Smith, H. B. Ammonson, P. C. Donovan, J. A. Kiltvert, W. Skeggs and J. Kelly, and after much difficulty the master and crew of the Dorothy Baird were successfully taken off the sinking vessel and transferred to the tanker.

The risk run was considerable, for the lifeboat was severely damaged.

The presentation was made by Mr. Ivor A. Ambrose, president of the Swansea Chamber of Commerce, and he was supported by Commander W. Lewis-Owen, R.D., R.N.R. (Supt. Board of Trade, Swansea), and Mr. J. Johnston (manager of the British Tanker Co., Ltd.), the owners of the British Valour. Commander Lewis-Owen read a telegram from the Merchant Navy Officers' Association conveying heartfelt congratulations to Capt. Hooper on the recognition from the Newfoundland Government.

It was also mentioned that His Majesty the King had been pleased to recommend that bronze medals for gallantry in saving life at sea be presented to the crew who manned the lifeboat. These will be presented in due course.

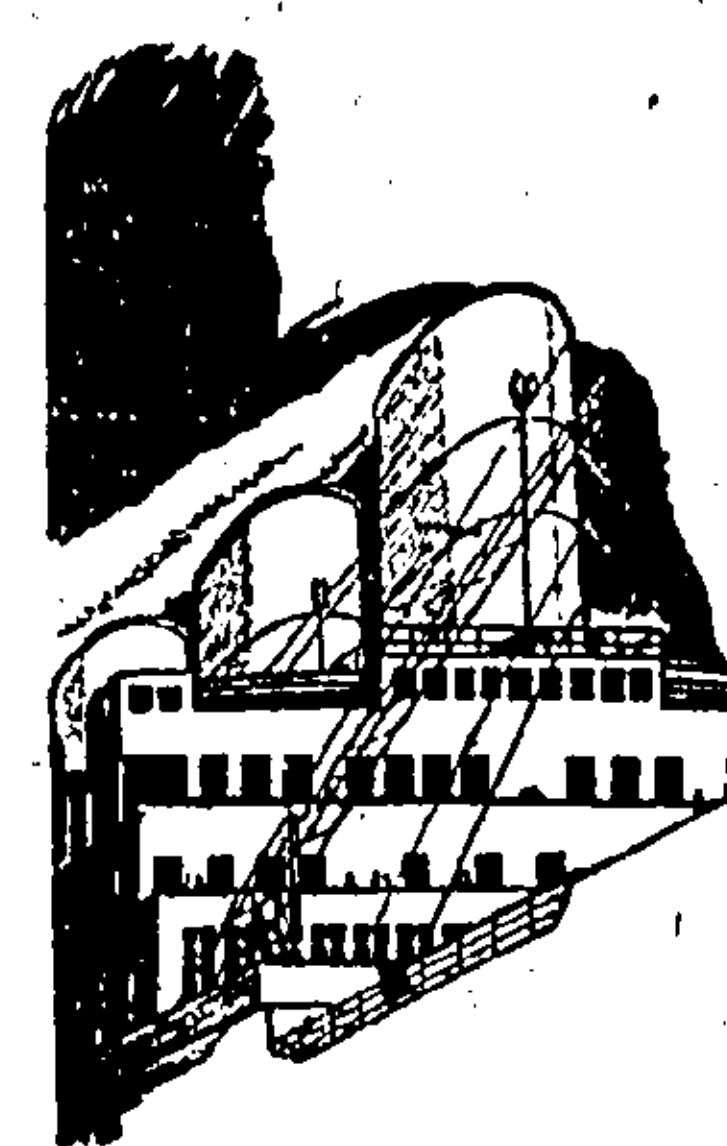
Mr. Johnston, mentioned that the company had given a tangible expression of their thanks to Capt. Hooper for saving the British Motorist.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

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Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	—	Oct. 25
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Shanghai and Amoy	FRIDAY, MAY 1.	Nan Chang
Shanghai	SATURDAY, MAY 2.	Soudan
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, April 3) and "Europe via Siberia (London, April 13)		President Harrison
Shanghai and Swatow		Sinkiang
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers, London, April 2)		Katori Maru
Manila	SUNDAY, MAY 3.	President Lincoln
Dairen and Amoy	MONDAY, MAY 4.	Tilleboet
Amoy		Takada
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, April 10)		President Cleveland

OUTWARD MAILS.

Manila	FRIDAY, MAY 1.	Empress of Russia	3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow		Fook On	4 p.m.
Manila and Paracels only for Germany via Hamburg		Fulda	4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles		Terukuni Maru	(Due Marseilles, May 28).
		G.P.O.	
	K.P.O.	Registration	May 1, 4.30 p.m.
		Letters	May 1, 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles		Registration	May 1, 5 p.m.
		Letters	May 1, 5 p.m.
	SATURDAY, MAY 2.	Registration	May 2, 8.30 a.m.
Japan and "Victoria, B.C.		Letters	May 2, 8.30 a.m.
		Tyndareus	10.30 a.m.
Haiphong		(Due Victoria, B.C., May 28.)	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and "Europe via Victoria, B.C.		President Lincoln	
		(Due Victoria, B.C., May 19 and "Europe via Siberia.)	
		Parcels	May 2, 8 p.m.
		Registration	May 2, 4.15 p.m.
		Letters	May 2, 4.15 p.m.
Amoy		Chokiang	5.30 p.m.
Shanghai		Katori Maru	5.30 p.m.
Tourane		Chung Kong	8 p.m.
Manila		President Harrison	8 p.m.

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*TSOUDAN	—	1931. 2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	10th May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*KALYAN	9,144	20th May	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*ALIPORE	5,273	20th May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*COMORIN	15,132	22nd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	—	30th May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KASHMIR	8,985	6th June	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*RANPURA	16,601	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,065	4th July	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*PERIM	7,648	25th July	Marseilles & London.
*KHAYDER	9,114	1st Aug.	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	—	9th Aug.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*RAJPUTANA	16,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*PADUA	9,999	22nd Aug.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KARNATA	9,128	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
*CATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	—	19th Sept.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KALYAN	9,144	26th Sept.	Marseilles & London.

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TILAWA	10,000	8th May	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHMIR	8,985	18th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	9,958	28th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RANPURA	16,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
FANTHIA	7,754	25th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	4th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,065	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
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TAKADA	6,849	18th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	—	27th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	7,745	2nd July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KHYBER	9,114	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	6th July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TILAWA	10,000	16th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHA	7,754	30th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARNATA	9,128	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NANKIN	7,058	1st Aug.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th May will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 14th May, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd and 4th May, at 10 a.m. by our surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hong Kong, 28th April, 1931.

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All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 20th May, 1931, or they will not be recognised.

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The Motor Vessel,

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T'au via S'hai & S'hai	CHAKSANG	Wed., 6th May at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'hai & S'hai	YATSHING	Sun., 10th May at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'hai & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Wed., 13th May at 7 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Sat., 9th May at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Sat., 16th May at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	HOSANG	Thurs., 7th May at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Sun., 17th May at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Sun., 31st May at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Fri., 1st May at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Wed., 13th May at Noon
T'au via S'hai & Fochow	CHEONGSUNG	Sun., 10th May at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'hai & Fochow	CHIPSHING	Thurs., 21st May at 7 a.m.
Shanghai	WAISHING	Sat., 2nd May at Noon

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Not only does the Dempo represent, from a technical point of view, the last word in ship-building, but the management has spared no effort to ensure that the demands of the modern discerning public in respect of accommodation, cuisine and service, are fully satisfied.

The liner derives her name from the Sumatra volcano, Dempo, and the architects of the vessel have created a very fine piece of mosaic work in the first-class smoking room, depicting the volcano and surrounding countryside.

The passenger accommodation occupies seven decks, the first-class being on the A, B, C and D decks, the second on the A, B, C, D and E decks, with the third-class lying aft on the C, D, E and F decks. The first-class accommodates 234 passengers of whom 70 are in single berth and the remainder in 82 two-berth cabins, all being outside deck cabins with large square windows.

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HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

Map 1 to 7, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
May	Times	Times
Fri. 1	08 04 12 24	01 10 14 41
Sat. 2	09 04 13 24	02 46 15 31
Sun. 3	10 04 14 24	03 15 16 23
Mon. 4	11 04 15 24	03 44 17 05
Tues. 5	12 04 16 24	04 10 17 30
Wed. 6	13 04 17 24	04 34 18 05
Thurs. 7	14 04 18 24	05 04 18 47

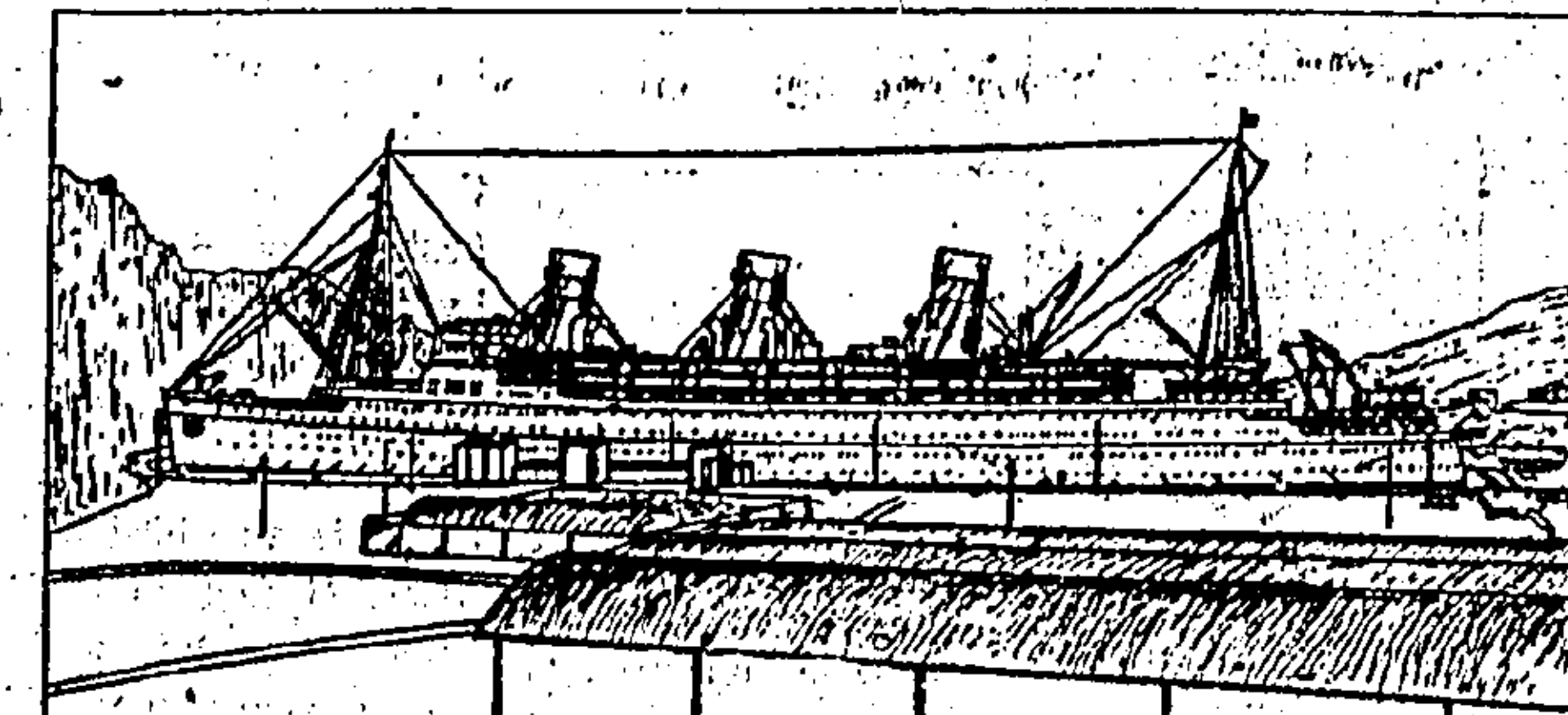
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Hong Kong, Friday, May 1, 1931.

MAY DAY.

May Day will be associated in
the minds of most natives of the
British Isles with two events;
one, an entirely pleasurable re-
miniscence of the charm of our
countryside; the other, the sinis-
ter revolutionary movement
which has wormed its way into
the hearts of healthy nations
and now celebrates May the First
as its "Red Day."

It is the advent of this month
which will turn the thoughts of
many to the burgeoning beauties
of Kentish orchards in blossom
and the two-fold note of the
cuckoo, heard, we are told, in the
suburbs of London, which are
full of phantom voices long be-
fore the birds are there. No-
thing, not even the flowers or
the buds on the branches or the
changed wind, speaks clearly of
earth awakened at the end of
the long Winter's sleep as the
cuckoo's cry. The strict rule is
that claims to have heard the
first cuckoo should be made only
by those who live within sound
of the bells of Heathfield Church,
in Sussex. For there, on April
18, the old lady opens her basket,
and lets the bird out. The un-
disputed fact that the bird has
in recent years may be attributed
to its astonishment on seeing
the new sort of buildings they
put up nowadays. But in Hong
Kong May Day can mean no-
thing to us but a store of plea-
sures which memory may hold.
Most of our trees are deciduous
and there are no cuckoos to
awaken us at the rise of sun.
There is no subtle and unnoticed
change of temperature, verdure,

or mood. The pleasant cold wea-
ther merely undergoes a slight
and sudden metamorphosis;
drizzle and fog conspire to make
the island as closely as possible
resemble the interior of a steam
laundry, and there is no comfort
within us. So that for us poor,
struggling, nostalgic folk in this
far-flung corner of the Brit-
ish Empire, the First of May
means little more than memories
of plum blossom, newts in the
pond, frogs in the rushes, and
increased agitation among the
Hyde Park orators.

It is difficult to give one ex-
planation of the veneration of
the First of May, because the
reasons are so numerous. Even
the origin of the name is dis-
puted; the derivation from Maia,
the mother of Mercury, to whom
the Romans were accustomed to
sacrifice on the first day of the
month, is usually accepted. The
ancient Romans used on May
Day to go in procession to the
grotto of Egeria. From the
twenty-eighth of April to the
second of May was kept the festi-
val in honour of Flora, goddess
of flowers. Most of us remember
the old country song, "Flora's
Holiday." By the Romans the
month was regarded as unlucky
for marriages, owing to the cele-
bration on the ninth, eleventh,
and thirteenth of the Lemuria,
the festival of the unhappy dead.
This superstition has survived
to the present day, although
one could hardly conceive of a
better month for a wedding.

In mediaeval and Tudor Eng-
land, May Day was a great public
holiday. All classes, of
peasants, young and old alike, were
up with the dawn and went
"a-Maying" in the woods.
Branches of trees and flowers
were borne back in triumph to
the towns and villages, the cen-
tre of the procession being occu-
pied by those who shouldered
the maypole, glorious with rib-
bons and wreaths. It is funny
to think that the maypole was
forbidden by Act of Parliament
in 1644, and that they were eye-
sore to the Puritans, who re-
ferred to them as "stinking
idols," about which the people
did "leaps and dances, as the
heathen did." Possibly there
was something degenerate and
atavistic in these dances around
the phallic symbol, going back
into the early mists of time, but
it seems a pity that so much of
the simplicity and gaiety and
loyalty of the British people of
those times should have dis-
appeared. In its place we have
a May Day the meaning of which
is full of menace for the safety
and unity of the Empire.

News in Brief.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer return-
ed by the Empress of Russia to-
day.

At the next meeting of the
Rotary Club Lieut. Commander
Dymott, R.N., will give an address
on "Meteorology."

H.E. Sir William Peel has very
graciously agreed to lay the founda-
tion stone of the new West Wing of
the Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon on Thurs-
day at 5.30 p.m.

Chan Nam (26) a coolie, had
his left hand crushed whilst at work
in the Lowloon Docks yesterday,
and was removed to the Kwong Wah
Hospital for treatment.

Whilst engaged in fishing with
dynamite in Mui Wan, Chinese
Territory, Lo Yung-wan (39) had
his right hand blown off, and was
conveyed to the Government Civil
Hospital for treatment.

Ho Pak-pai, a widow, living at
16 Tai Woo Street, has reported to
the Police that on April 28 she
entrusted her amah with the
custody of \$340. The amah is
alleged to have absconded.

Jumping from a lorry which was
still in motion in Hennessy Road
yesterday, Cheung Chu (20), a
coolie, received injuries to his head
and legs. He was removed to the
Government Civil Hospital.

Arrested in Shamshuipo whilst
trying to sell five water taps which
he had stolen from dwelling houses
at Nos. 771, 775 and 777, Nathan
Road, a Chinese coolie named Chan
Chun was convicted of larceny at
the Kowloon Police Court this
morning and sent to jail for three
months.

A returned baniashee, who was
banished for 20 years, was found in
Kowloon yesterday, and had added
to his offence by stealing a roll of
cloth from 481, Shanghai Street, the
property of Lam Cheung-ping. Three
months' imprisonment on
both charges was imposed, the
terms to run concurrently.

Two Chinese, Yip Hang-hin and
Tao Choi, pleaded "guilty" at the
Kowloon Police Court this morning
to breaking and entering a house
at 32, Cheng On Street, the re-
sidence of Chan Sam-koo. The
first defendant, who was a returned
baniashee, was sent to jail for nine
months and the second defendant
for six months.

On arrival of the s.s. Cheun Chow
from Macao yesterday afternoon,
Capt. Jones reported to the Police
that while the vessel was an hour's
journey from Macao, a Chinese wo-
man, aged about 18 years, jumped
overboard. The ship was stopped
and the boats lowered, but after a
long search no trace of the woman
had been found.

Chan Hon-cheung, a Chinese em-
ployed by Yip Wah, a shopkeeper of
Kowloon City, was charged at the
Kowloon Police Court this morning,
with the larceny of 23 rolls of
silk, the property of his master.
His sentence was made lighter on
account of the clean breast he made
of the matter and the assistance he
rendered to the Police in helping to
redeem the cloth from the pawn-
broker. He was sent to jail for
two months.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CURRENCY PROBLEM.

(To the Editor of "China Mail.")

Sir,—The opponents of stabili-
sation fear that trade will be di-
verted to Canton and Shanghai par-
ticularly the former, if Hong Kong
goes gold before China does. I would
like to ask them the following questions
which I hope they as experts may
be kind enough to enlighten me.

1. Is there any parity between
Canton sub-coin dollar and
Hong Kong dollar?
2. Is there any parity between
Canton sub-coin dollar and
Shanghai taels?
3. Is there any parity between
Canton sub-coin dollar and
sterling?
4. Is there any parity between
Canton sub-coin dollar and U.S.
gold dollar, etc?
5. What is the rate of Canton
currency when sterling rate in
Hong Kong is 2/- 1/8; 1/16;
1/32; 1/64; and 1/128 when
Shanghai tael rate is 80; 79;
78; 77 and 76?
6. What currency the exporters in
U.S. or Great Britain base on
when they trade with Canton?
7. Is it not true that Canton im-
porters have to use Hong
Kong currency to trade with
other countries?

So far as I know Canton currency
has no direct value in foreign trade,
and Hong Kong dollar has always
been the medium used; therefore
Canton cannot trade with anywhere
without the assistance of Hong
Kong unless the Chinese provide
another currency recognised by
other countries—for Canton to use
in foreign trade.

No matter what rate the Hong
Kong Dollar will be, Canton sub-
coin will follow to rise or fall at the
same ratio as it always does. (with
reference to question 5).

For the above reasons, trade will
not be diverted to Canton at all.
If Hong Kong goes gold and China
remains on silver basis, the
merchants in Canton still have to
pay the same amount of silver to
settle their gold debts with the ex-
porters of Great Britain or U.S.A.
whether through Shanghai or
through Hong Kong. The only
difference is that in Shanghai they
can gamble in sterling and U.S.
gold exchange and in Hong Kong
they can look for a favourable rate
to convert their S.C.\$ into Hong
Kong \$ only; the latter they will
be more willing to do.

It is often argued that Hong
Kong is too near China to act in-
dependently on currency questions,
but I cannot help reminding
those who are such experts of
geographical questions that Dairen
is actually attached to China and is
only a seaport with no productions
at all except those of the hinter-
land and yet Dairen as a seaport is
more prosperous to-day when her
legal tender currency is Japanese
gold yen than when she was on a
silver basis. Mind you, Man-
churia is not yet on gold basis, but
Dairen is.

Yours, etc.

X. Y. Z.

Hong Kong, April 30.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

(To the Editor of "China Mail.")

Sir,—The article on the tennis
final in yesterday's issue of your
paper, under the imposing caption
of "Why Fincher should beat
Rumjahn in the final to-day," ap-
pears to one who has followed the
current tournament with the
closest interest, to be more than a
little biased.

I cannot understand why your
scribe should be so keen to see
Fincher lift the championship. Can
it be possible that "Base-Line" is a
K.C.C. man? If my surmise is
correct, it certainly was not
"cricket" to give such beautifully-
worded moral support to one player
and totally ignore the equally rosy
prospects of the Indian contestant,
immediately before the commence-
ment of the duel for supremacy.

I certainly hope Rumjahn had
not read the article before going on
the court, as it might so easily have
played the deuce with his game to
see critics lauding his opponent in
the manner "Base-Line" has done.
If (1) Fincher has more power
behind his service, (2) his standi-
ness is more reliable, (3) his
stamina for a five-set match, if
necessary, is more enduring, (4)
in court-craft he holds an advan-
tage, (5) his newly acquired cross-
court drive has more direction and
power than that of his Indian
challenger and, in short, if Fincher
has all the qualifications to over-
whelm Rumjahn, why in the world
was he (Fincher) so completely
elipsed? Certainly he was in per-
fect health and was not suffering
from an attack of "nerves."

Yours, etc.,

TENNIS FAN.

Hong Kong, May 1.

ARMY TO COST LESS: AIR TO COST MORE.

The Airship Works at Cardington. SOLDIERING SIDELIGHTS.

Estimates for the Army for the
year 1931, show a decrease of
£570,000. The Army wants £39,
930,000 this year, compared with
£40,500,000 last year.

Estimates for the Air show an
increase of £250,000. The total is
£18,100,000, compared with £17,
850,000 last year.

The Army Estimates, as were the
Naval Estimates, are the lowest
since 1922.

In the Army the principal items
on which there will be saving are
supplies, road transport, and re-
mounts. £455,000: miscellaneous
effective service £352,000; pay
£157,000; and clothing £122,000.

Increases are estimated in half-
pay, pensions and superannuation
£357,000; warlike stores £293,000;
Territorial Army and Reserve
forces £68,000.

In a memorandum accompanying
the estimates Mr. Tom Shaw,
Minister for War, states that in
meeting the expenditure on replace-
ments due to the exhaustion of war
stocks and in making provision for
services in connection with stores
and buildings, which had to be pos-
tponed or retarded last year, he has
been helped by the fall in prices and
certain consequential reductions in
payments in respect of the cost of
living.

Difficult Tasks.

Other points he makes are:
In view of the progressive reduc-
tion of effective charges by heavy
£5,000,000 since 1925, adminis-
trative savings become increasingly
difficult to secure.

The British Army is still approx-
imately 10,000 below establish-
ment; recruits are sufficient only to
counterbalance the outflow.

The task of finding drafts neces-
sary to maintain overseas garrisons
has been accomplished with great
difficulty.

The discipline of the Army con-
tinues to be maintained at a high
standard.

There was a substantial reduction
in the number of trials by court-
martial, and in the number of men
under sentence of imprisonment and
detention during the past year.

Clothing grant has been reduced
from £1 0s. 6d. to 18s. 3d. per man
owing to fall in contract price.

The Air Bill.

The main increases in the Air
estimates are: pay £176,000; tech-
nical and warlike stores £76,000;
and works, buildings and lands,
£70,000.

The chief saving is £30,000 under
the head of civil aviation. A sum of
£19,000 is saved at the Air Minis-
try.

In his memorandum dealing with
the estimates, Lord Amulree, Minis-
ter for Air, states that the increase
in the pay is directly due to the
growth of the force, and would be
greater but for the savings achieved
in other directions.

He explains that an increase in
the gross total of estimated ex-
penditure of £273,400 is accounted
for by the increase in appropria-
tions-in-aid which include provision
of the necessary funds for the
British entry in the Schneider
Trophy contest.

Other points he emphasises are:
In spite of the increase in the
strength of the Royal Air Force
since 1925, the gross total for 1931
remains substantially lower than
the figure for 1925.

This has been achieved through
the smaller sum taken for airships,
the further fall in prices, and re-
duction in rates of remuneration
related to the cost of living.

In the main it has only been pos-
sible as a result of the exercise of
the most rigid economy, and the
pruning of all services to the limit
compatible with efficiency.

The net estimate of civil aviation
is £470,000. The Government at-
tach great importance to the exten-
sion of the Indian service to Aus-
tralia, and are ready to contribute
to its cost.

Payments to light aeroplane clubs
and National Flying Services, Ltd.,
is estimated at £20,000.

£50,000 has been provided for air-
ships, to enable the airship works
to be maintained for a short period
pending the Government's decision
on the future policy of airship
development.

In the meantime, a reduced staff
is being maintained at Cardington,
where, besides the normal work,
the reconditioning of lorries, making of
drogue targets, and tests of experi-
mental kite balloons have been
undertaken as emergency measures.

Referring to policy, Lord
Amulree says: "Having regard to
the fact that Great Britain still
ranks fifth in the world's air powers
in terms of first-line strength, the
Government have approved a fur-
ther modest instalment of the Home
Defence scheme, which will proceed
in the coming year in accordance
with programme.

"It is their earnest hope that the
forthcoming Disarmament Confer-
ence will bring about a general
reduction in air armaments (the
rapid development of which the
world over they view with profound
disquiet), and remove the present
serious disparity between the Royal
Air Force and foreign air services."

U.S. MOTOR-BOAT CHALLENGE.

Endeavour to Recover Detroit Trophy.

America is sending over to Brit-
ain another of her speed-boat
champions, Mr. Aaron de Roy, for
an attempt to win back the Det-
roit News Trophy, which will be
raced for in June on the Solent.
Mr. Herbert Scott-Paine won the
trophy in America last year.

Miss Betty Carstairs, the girl
who backed Sir Malcolm Campbell
in his land-speed record attempt,
is building a special craft in her
own boat-yard at Cowes for this
race.

For the Detroit News trophy
there are, besides Mr. Scott-
Paine's and Miss Carstairs' en-
tries, two other British craft be-
ing built.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of
May 1, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2 1/2%

A big round of entertainments
has been provided for the celebra-
tion of the officers and crew of the
French cruiser Montcalm which is
now in port and will be expected to
remain for several days. The Gov-
ernment and the Naval authorities
have co-operated in an endeavour to
make their stay a thoroughly enjoy-
able one, and our French visitors
should find no lack of diversion.

SIR M. CAMPBELL'S TREASURE HUNT.

D'Artagnan of Modern Days.

PIRATE HOARD.

A cruise across the Caribbean Sea in a fast yacht, the deciphering of an ancient chart, and the hunt for an historic pirate treasure hoard of almost fabulous value—such is one of the many adventurous projects being planned by Sir Malcolm Campbell, the famous racing motorist and speed king.

The d'Artagnan of modern days, who has experienced as many thrills in the air as on land, may soon be sailing westward on as romantic and adventurous an expedition as ever warmed the heart of an ancient buccaneer.

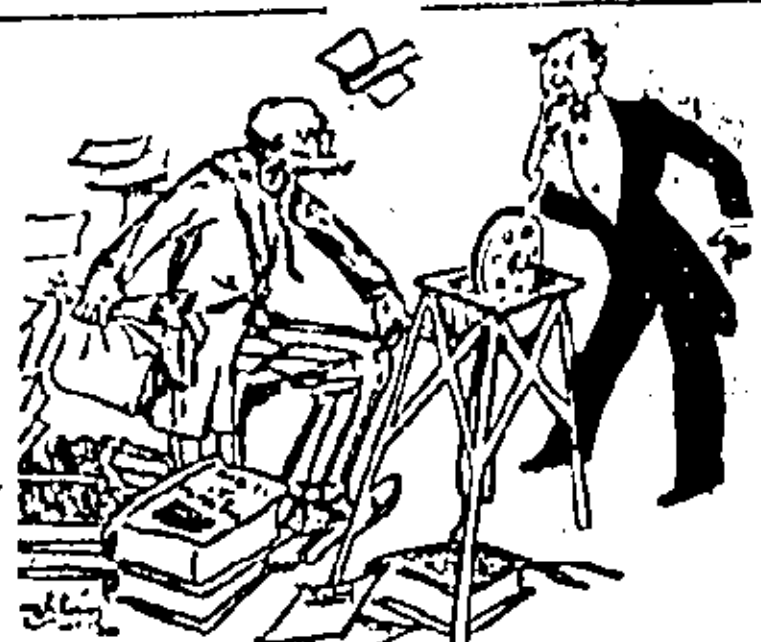
Sir Malcolm Campbell started on this hunt for treasure some time ago, but in 1925, the prize has been valued at more than £10,000,000.

He spent a week on Cocos, in a temperature of 115 degs. in the shade, scrambling up precipitous hillsides, falling down them, hacking his way through almost impenetrable jungle, bitten and stung from head to foot by insects, drinking milk from coconuts for lack of water, and dead heat every night.

Cocos Island Venture. But the weather broke and they found then materials insufficient for such an exacting task. They did, however, find a pirate spade, and once their hopes were raised in vain when they found a trace and a buried Inca sun temple.

"One of these days I shall return to Cocos, and when I do I shall not give up the search until I have either found the treasure or convinced myself that it is humanly impossible to discover it."

So declares Sir Malcolm Campbell at the end of a new book, "My Greatest Adventure," which was not making the world record in Bluebird, but "Search-



Professor. (indicating microphone): "Take this thing out of my way, that's the third time I've nearly tripped over it."—*Dublin Opinion.*

ing for pirate treasure in Cocos Island."

"I want it clearly to be understood," said Sir Malcolm Campbell to a Daily Express representative, "that I shall not start on any treasure hunt if I am wanted for Empire enterprises. I am probably going out to New Zealand shortly to see if I can help the motorcar industry and bring increased prosperity to Empire trade. These calls must naturally come before pleasure, or even treasure."

"If I have not time to go to the Pacific this year I may go to the west coast of Africa. I think there is hidden treasure to be found there too. You ask where? Ah! but I cannot tell you all my secrets. Nothing venture, nothing have, you know."

"If I start for Cocos Island," said Sir Malcolm "it will not be until late in the year, owing to considerations of climate."

Cocos Island, which Sir Malcolm hopes to visit, is the real "Treasure Island" of the Pacific.

Sacks Of Gold. It is really beside which Stevenson's invention seems almost pale. Here, 500 miles from anywhere, lost in legend and buried by different bands of bloodthirsty buccaneers, are said to be no fewer than three glittering pirate hoards.

The story goes that when Bolivar was marching on the golden city, the foremost citizens transferred the most precious portable wealth from houses and cathedral to an English ship, the Mary Dyer, commanded by Captain Thompson, a man of doubtful reputation.

"Bullion from the banks, solid bars of gold, the jewels and plate of the chief inhabitants, and, finally, in two great wooden boxes, the golden Virgin and Child from the cathedral"—this is how Sir Malcolm describes the treasure that was carried aboard the ship. The figures of the Virgin and Child are said to be life-size and of solid gold. An incredible treasure! There were sacks and sacks of gold.

Captain Thompson certainly lived up to his reputation, for he quietly cut the throats of his passengers and by dawn had

ERIK L. EKMAN.

DEATH OF FAMOUS SWEDISH BOTANIST.

Erik L. Ekman, a famous Swedish botanist, dressed in rags, recently went to a hospital at Santiago, Haiti, where he was taken in and died shortly afterwards at the age of 48 years. He was undoubtedly one of the most interesting figures in the present-day world of learning.

Born in a very humble home he led a precarious existence during his years at school and the University, but thanks to his indomitable energy he won the laurel wreath of a Doctor of Philosophy in 1914 on an excellent botanical thesis, which rendered him a fellowship for study abroad.

Ekman, who had previously visited Brazil and Argentina, at once went to Cuba, where he remained until 1924, when he moved to Haiti. During his 17 years' stay in the West Indies he sent to the Swedish State Museum of Science about 100,000 valuable species of plants. His activity as a botanical explorer has been characterised by a Swedish professor as the most remarkable during the last 60 years, and his exhaustive studies of the West Indian flora have highly enriched the science of botany.

Lived Like a Workman. During his 17 West Indian years Ekman got several fellowships amounting to a little over £100 a year, but he lived like an anchorite and deprived himself of every personal comfort. He slept in a shed or in the open air and dressed like a native West Indian workman in shirt and trousers. He became an intimate friend of the natives and partook of their simple food or simply lived on water and edible plants and fruits, but wherever he went he always carried with him his herbarium and brown paper.

Ekman became an excellent guide in Cuba and Haiti, and many tourists from America or Europe asked him to accompany them, but when doing so he always refused to accept payment for his services. He knew practically every dialect of Cuba and Haiti, and the first words he acquired were the oaths, which together with an assortment of the most expressive Swedish swear-words never failed to make a wonderful impression on the natives.

In spite of several highly remunerative offers to carry on political propaganda for certain dissatisfied party chiefs he invariably refused to exert his power over the natives and remained a poor wandering scholar, devoting himself to the gentle science of flowers as a worthy compatriot and follower of Carl Linnaeus, the Swedish "King of Flowers" of the 18th century.

FOR BUSINESS WOMEN.

Representative Ruth Bryan Owen has designed a handbag for business women.

Finding it inconvenient to carry her bag along with various papers necessary in her work, Mrs. Owen fastened her handbag, knapsack fashion, to a ribbon which she placed over her shoulder.

The scheme worked so well that she is now having several suede bags made in black with matching black strap.

The strap or ribbon passes over the right shoulder, crosses diagonally in front and back so that the handbag rests on the left hip. Mrs. Owen always dresses in black, but the idea has endless variations.

slipped away over the ocean's rim with his booty. He succeeded in hiding his ill-gotten gains on Cocos Island.

To pile "The Forty Thieves" on top of "Treasure Island," they buried the hoard in a cave, with a door formed by a solid square of black rock, opened and shut by means of a crowbar thrust in a hole in the rock.

Real Aladdin's Cave. Two mariners, who visited the island, with a chart, spoke of a great rock which turned on its axis with the persuasion of a crowbar, and revealed the entrance to an Aladdin's cave full of jewels, ducats, doubloons and pieces of eight. This rock was said to be situated near the high water mark of a certain creek.

Both these men were marooned and the treasure was thought still to be intact. Some eighty years later—Captain Thompson's chart mysteriously reappeared.

This year, Sir Malcolm Campbell plans to take with him a small, but well equipped expedition. The party will probably include scientific experts and the most modern inventions for locating or divining the presence of gold.

The spirit of the old Elizabethan adventurers has never entirely died out of Britain. If he finds time to start, every one will be wishing the victor of Daytona luck on his latest romantic expedition and by dawn had

IN THE COURT OF MEMORY.

Famous People Face the Judge.

MEN WHO FORGET.

Sitting in the High Court of Memory a Daily Express judge submitted a series of questions concerning dates and names to a number of prominent men and women in public life.

The question has been raised on many occasions whether an intelligent person would be likely to forget the date of an important event in his life.

It was established beyond doubt that this is so, and without leaving the court the jury returned a verdict of "Guilty" in all cases, and the judge sternly referred to the fact that too often the phrase "I do not remember" was a mantle that covered a multitude of sins.

Amazing Defence. Sir Frank Fox, the author, put up an amazing defence when he entered the witness-box.

"What was the date of the King's coronation?" he was asked.

"I do not remember," he said, and gave the same answer when asked in what year women were given the vote.

"Do you not know the date of your wife's birthday?" the judge asked.

"My Lord," said Sir Frank Fox, "I have trained my memory to forget dates. I could not even tell, without working it out, when I was born myself. I have deliberately trained my memory to drop out all figures."

"I do not know the date of my wife's birthday, or even my telephone number."

"Can you say what size gloves you wear?" he was asked.

"I believe," he replied, ignoring the issue, "the human memory has only a certain capacity, and I do not approve of cramming into it facts that I can turn up in reference books."

Mr. Rhys Davies, M.P., former Under-Secretary of the Home Office, then stepped up to face the judge.

Without flinching, he made a rapid reply to the first two questions. "I was married on a Saturday," he said, "and my wife's birthday is on September 13."

Day of the Armistice. "On what day of the week was the armistice declared?" He shook his head. "I cannot tell, and I have no idea of the date of the King's coronation. My gloves are size seven, and women were first given the vote in 1918."

"What is your telephone number?" asked the judge. "I'll have to look that up," he retorted in jocular tone.

The judge sternly rebuked a titter which went round the public gallery when Mr. A. P. Herbert, the humorist and novelist, replied to the first question about his motor-car.

"I haven't the slightest idea of the number of my motor-car, but my wife would be able to tell you."

"Do you know who won the Derby in 1926?" he was next asked.

"I don't really remember," he replied, "but I think it was Fairway. When were women given the vote?—Well, let me see, I think it was in 1918, or it may have been during the war."

"Can you tell me what date you were demobilised?" asked the judge. "I don't know the date at all, my Lord."

"And your wife's birthday?" "Ah, yes. I know that and also the date of the children's birthdays."

Mr. Herbert was to be excused further cross-examination, as he wanted to leave the court to catch a boat train.

Fay Compton.

The eyes of all the people in court were focused on Miss Fay Compton as she was ushered into the box for examination. Waving her arms in dramatic fashion, she declared that she had not the remotest idea of the licence number of her motor-car last year.

The judge: Will you refrain from acting and try to answer correctly?—What size gloves do you wear?—Six and a quarter, my Lord.

When were women given the vote?—Criskey! I do not know. Let me think. It was 1912.

No, I do not remember the date of King George's coronation. Yes, my telephone, I do know that.

Mr. John Bromley, M.P., hurried into the witness-box with a worried look on his face, which increased as the examination wore on.

"I do not know the day of the week when I was married," he told the judge, "but my wife's birthday is on May 10."

What day was the armistice declared?—I give it up.

Who won the Derby in 1926?—Surely I'm not expected to know that.

What size gloves do you wear?—My wife knows, I don't, and she

SHELTER FOR POOR.

"WOODBINE WILLIE'S" HOSTEL TO BE SOLD.

Holy Trinity Church in Gray's Inn Road, London, the birthplace of the S.O.S. Society for "down-and-outs," will shortly disappear, and with its removal will vanish the hostel, originally formed by "Woodbine Willie," the late Rev. G. A. Studdert-Kennedy, where regularly each night more than 250 men are sheltered and fed.

The church and its site have been sold by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, by arrangement with the Privy Council, to the Royal Free Hospital for extension purposes.

Out of the total sum of £10,103 subscribed for a memorial to the late "Woodbine Willie," a settlement was made of £1,000 for a hostel for "down-and-outs" to the S.O.S. Society.

The hostel was attached to the Holy Trinity Church, and thousands of "down-and-outs" have been lodged at night.

Pews as Beds.

Mr. Dennis Grinling, the hon. secretary of the S.O.S. Society, said in an interview: "We do not know what to do with the poor fellows who have been sheltered each night at the hostel. Unless we can find another church to give them shelter and food I am afraid they will have to take their place on the Embankment, or some such quarter."

The Rev. A. M. Fergusson, the priest-in-charge, said: "The church is one of those redundant churches of which there are half a dozen in and about Gray's Inn Road alone. No service has been held for about fifteen months."

"I receive about 250 'down-and-outs' each night. At nine o'clock they are given a pint of hot cocoa and bread and jam. Then they sleep in the pews, in the pulpit, and in the sanctuary, and in the morning they are given another pint of cocoa and bread and jam."

"Among them are a master mariner, several doctors, and other men who have had good positions in life, and have come down."

A LIFE A DAY SAVED.

"This institution is always at war against the elements in preventing them from destroying human life on the sea," said Mr. George T. Shee, the secretary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, at the annual meeting of the City of London branch at Guildhall.

The Lord Mayor, who presided, said that since the formation of the institution in 1824 over 62,500 lives had been saved, the number last year being 365. The annual expenditure was about £300,000.

It was stated that the City of London branch raised £9,392 last year, but it was considered that a much larger sum should be secured.

TRAFFIC JAM.

TRAMCAR DEVELOPS ENGINE TROUBLE.

East bound tram traffic was held up in Des Vaux Road, outside Sincere's, for about five minutes just after 11 o'clock this morning.

Tramcar No. 78 which was proceeding with the "Depot Only" sign up, developed motor trouble and stopped just past Sincere's main entrance.

Before long nine other trams formed a procession behind the "cripple." All the motor men congregated on tram No. 78 and tried to restart the engine. The situation was saved by a European traffic inspector employed by the Tramway Co. He arrived on a west bound tram and one look at the motor was sufficient to satisfy him that it would take some time to put the trouble right. Rather than put the whole service out of schedule, he issued instructions for the tram immediately behind the "cripple" to push it back to the depot, and then traffic resumed, much to the relief of passengers on the vehicles behind.

Copies of the exclusive pictures of the TRAIN DISASTER appearing in the "Sunday Herald" of April 26, can be obtained from K. FUJIMURA, the official "Sunday Herald" photographer, 2 Wyndham St. (3rd floor)

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COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social, Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Renegades."

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To-day—Central Theatre; "Light of Western Stars."

To-day—Alhambra Theatre; "True to the Navy."

To-morrow—Ambulance Concert, King's College, 9 p.m.

Lammer's Auction.

To-morrow—At 74A Nathan Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from London (Sarpedon), from Europe via Siberia (Terukuni Maru); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Terukuni Maru), 5 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (President Harrison); from Europe via Negapatam (Katori Maru); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Soudan), 8.30 a.m.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Whist Drive at H.K.S. Brigade, R.A., Sergeants' Mess, Gun Club Hill, 8.45 p.m.

To-day and To-morrow—Exhibition of Pictures at Komor and Komor's.

To-morrow—Prize distribution, Wah Yan College, 2.30 p.m.

YOUNG FLYER HERE

MR. FORD NOT TO ATTEMPT SHANGHAI FLIGHT.

PLANE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.

Mr. Edward Ford, young British flyer of Shanghai, where he is employed by the Asiatic Petroleum Company, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon aboard the French steamer Tai Poo Sek. Mr. Ford left Home in March in a single-seater biplane, but met with trouble upon two attempts to fly to Hong Kong from Hanoi. His machine hit a telegraph pole, on the second attempt, at Fort Bayard, and the aviator decided to ship it to Hong Kong by steamer, for repairs, presumably at Kai Tak. It is only slightly damaged. It had been understood that Mr. Ford would carry on with his flight to Shanghai, after the damage had been rectified, but upon arrival yesterday it was learned that it had not been possible to ship the machine in the Tai Poo Sek. It is to come on later, in another ship. Mr. Ford, however, has definitely decided not to attempt the flight to Shanghai.

TRAFFIC JAM.

TRAMCAR DEVELOPS ENGINE TROUBLE.

East bound tram traffic was held up in Des Vaux Road, outside Sincere's, for about five minutes just after 11 o'clock this morning.

Tramcar No. 78 which was proceeding with the "Depot Only" sign up, developed motor trouble and stopped just past Sincere's main entrance.

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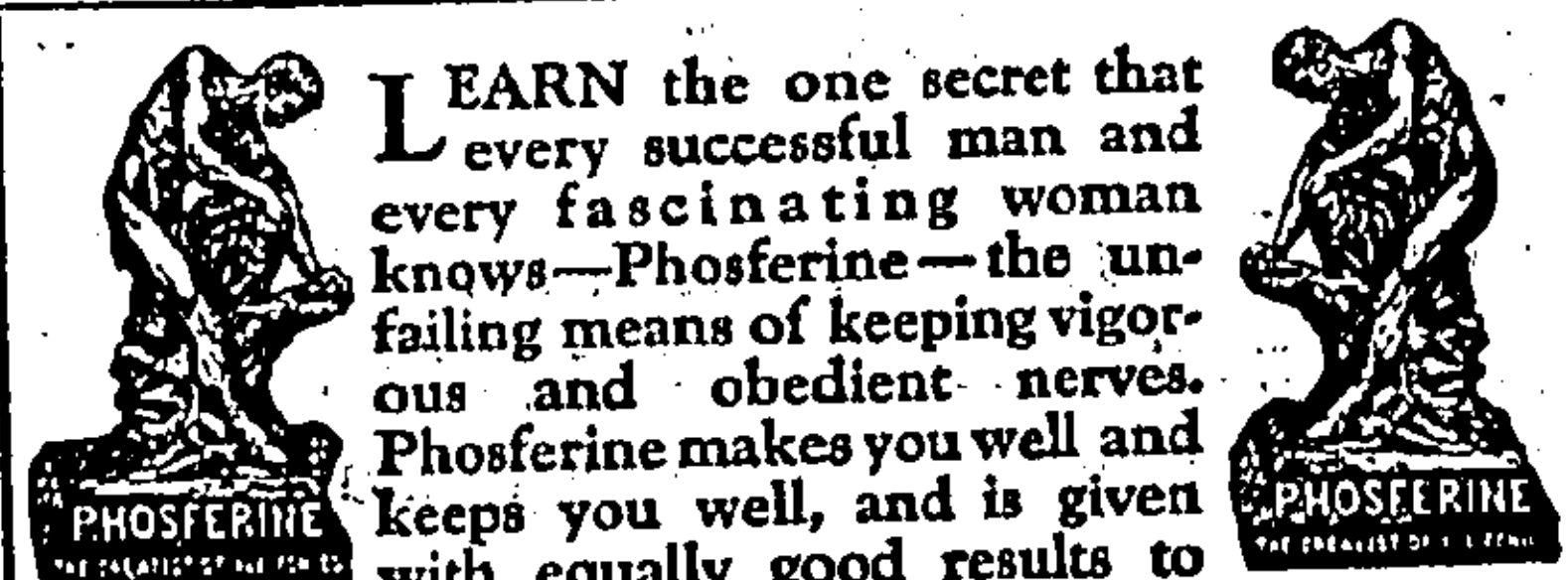
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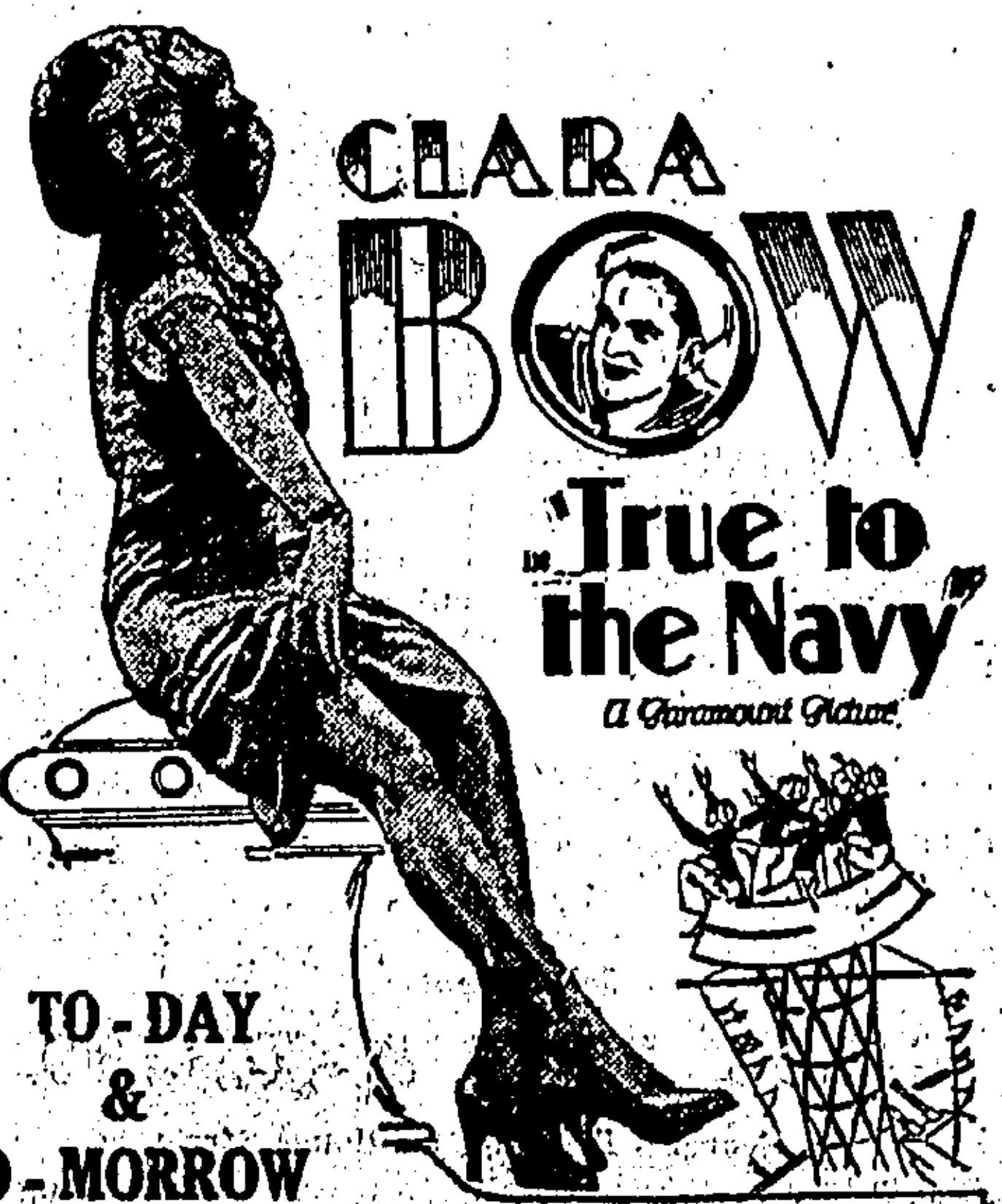
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TO-DAY
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Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Narrow Victory for West Bromwich.

STOKE DEFEATED.

London, Yesterday.
In a Division II. match played to-day, West Bromwich Albion defeated Stoke City by one goal to nil.—Reuter.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	41	28	5	8	120	64	61
West Brom.	41	21	10	10	80	47	62
Tottenham	41	22	7	12	88	54	51
Port Vale	41	21	5	15	70	61	47
Wolves	41	21	4	16	83	66	46
Bradford	41	18	9	14	95	63	45
Southampton	41	19	6	16	73	59	41
Bradford C.	41	17	10	14	61	62	44
Preston N.E.	41	16	11	14	81	63	43
Burnley	41	16	11	14	80	78	43
Oldham	41	16	10	16	61	72	42
Stoke	41	10	10	16	62	73	41
Bury	41	18	3	20	72	81	39
Charlton	41	15	9	17	66	83	39
Millwall	41	16	6	19	70	79	38
Bristol C.	41	15	8	18	51	77	38
Notts Forest	41	13	9	19	59	78	35
Barnsley	41	13	9	19	59	78	35
Plymouth	41	13	8	20	71	81	34
Swansea	41	11	10	20	60	74	32
Reading	41	12	6	23	72	96	30
Cardiff	41	8	9	24	46	84	25

Who'll Win?

LEAGUE GAMES AT HOME TO-MORROW.

[Exclusive to China Mail—By "Linesman."]

The following is a list of Home football matches to-morrow. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal	v.	Bolton
BIRMINGHAM	v.	Liverpool C.
BLACKPOOL	v.	Manchester C.
CHELSEA	v.	Newcastle
GLIMSBY	v.	Huddersfield
Leeds U.	v.	DERBY CO.
LIVERPOOL	v.	West Ham
M'CHESTER U.	v.	Middlesbrough
PORTSMOUTH	v.	Blackburn
Wednesday	v.	Aston Villa
SUNDERLAND	v.	Sheffield U.

Division II.

BRADFORD	v.	Stoke C.
BURNLEY	v.	Tottenham
CARDIFF	v.	Bury
MILLWALL	v.	Wolves
Notts Forest	v.	Southampton
PLYMOUTH	v.	Cardiff C.
PORT VALE	v.	Bradford C.
PRESTON	v.	Everton
Swansea	v.	BARNESLEY
WEST BROM.	v.	Charlton

Division III.—South.

BRISTOL R.	v.	Gillingham
COVENTRY	v.	Fulham
CRYSTAL P.	v.	Torquay
NEWPORT	v.	Clapton O.
Northampton	v.	Brentford
NORWICH	v.	Watford
QUEEN'S P.R.	v.	Bournemouth
SOUTHEND	v.	Brighton
Thames	v.	NOTTS CO.
WALSALL	v.	Swindon

Division III.—North.

CARLISLE	v.	Tranmere
DARLINGTON	v.	Doncaster
GATESHEAD	v.	Halifax
HULL	v.	Nelson
ROTHERHAM	v.	Crewe
SOUTHPORT	v.	Hartlepool
WIGAN	v.	Lincoln
York C.	v.	WREXHAM

RUNNERS-UP IN THE FIRST DIVISION.

Kowloon Draw with the Hong Kong Club.

The Kowloon Football Club, by virtue of their drawn game against the Club yesterday, became runners-up in the First Division. Before the interval Pile gave Kowloon the lead with a tricky shot which hit the inside of the upright and bounded into the net. Changing over one goal in arrears the Club maintained pressure and as the result Wallington scored the equaliser.

League Table to Date.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
South China	20	17	1	2	69	20	35
Kowloon	20	12	5	3	47	28	29
Argylls	20	12	2	6	43	32	26
Navy	20	11	2	7	63	39	24
Athletic	20	10	1	9	85	27	21
Borderers	20	9	2	9	38	20	20
Recreio	20	8	1	11	61	38	19
R.A.	20	8	1	11	21	54	14
Club	20	4	3	13	15	48	11
Police	20	4	2	14	25	39	10
*St. Joseph's	20	3	0	17	22	56	6

*Withdrawn from the League.

CRICKETER'S DEATH.

London, Yesterday.
The death has occurred of this cricketer, Mr. S. M. J. Woods.—Reuter.
[S. M. J. Woods was born on April 14, 1887, and in his time played for 'Brighton' College, Somerset, Cambridge, University and Australia. He was honoured by having his photograph in

LADIES' HOCKEY CONCLUDES.

Cup Presentation at King's Park.

To-morrow the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club, the Champions of the Caer Clark Cup League, will play a representative Kowloon eleven at King's Park at 4.15 p.m.

At the conclusion of the game the Caer Clark Cup will be presented to the Hong Kong Ladies' Club.

The teams are as follows:—
H.K.L.H.C.—G. Little, E. Gray, J. Smalley, E. O'Hagan, E. M. Pope, M. Wallace, I. C. Bell, E. G. Ross, E. M. Donelan, C. Ferguson, and M. Bishop.
"The Rest"—R. Rose (St. Andrews), P. Woolley (St. Andrews), A. Fowler (K.L.H.C.), E. Booth (K.L.H.C.), M. Alves (Recreio), D. Pinquet (K.L.H.C.), P. Gittins (St. Andrews), A. Alves (Recreio), M. George (K.L.H.C.), M. Woolley (St. Andrews), and C. Botelho (Recreio).

SOUTH AFRICAN TEST MATCHES.

Financial Losses Recorded.

This season Test match finance in Australia was not glittering. Apparently it has been the same in at least one Test in South Africa, mainly through the rain. When the third Test in Durban was interfered with by rain, the Natal Cricket Association lost £76 3s. 4d. The gate amounted to £1,556 4s. 9d. The expense of gatemen and police was £61 10s. the grounds association received £155 12s. 6d., and the Durban Cricket Union £68 11s. 8d. In the expenditure of £1,570 18s. 1d., the biggest items were £224 4s. 2d. for rental, £287 11s.—players' expenses, £950 guarantee, police and gatemen £61 10s.—and luncheons and refreshments £56 odd.

LAWN BOWLS.

OPENING OF NEW SEASON TO-MORROW.

LIST OF FIXTURES.

Another lawn bowls season commences to-morrow, the full list of fixtures being as under:

Division I.	Taikoo v. Police (71-38).
Craigengower v. Kowloon C.C. (72-47).	
Kowloon Bowling Green v. Kowloon Dock (68-49).	
Recreio v. Civil Service (47-56).	
Division II.	Civil Service v. Taikoo (71-62).
Yacht Club v. Recreio (63-60).	
Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Bowling Green (45-77).	
Hong Kong Electric v. Craigengower (53-59).	

The figures in parenthesis are the scores last season.

TO-MORROW'S TEAMS.

Division I.
K.B.G.C.—R. S. Nichol, T. S. West, D. F. Warren, and R. Hall (Skip).

G. E. Roylance, G. J. Chambers, E. W. L. Hogbin, and L. Guy (Skip).

D. Muir, G. Sherriff, H. Nish, W. Russell (Skip).

Reserve: J. A. Craig.
C.S.C.C.—Jas T. Dobbie, L. E. Longbottom, E. L. Holland, and A. O. Brawn (Skip).

F. Jones, H. Westlake, J. Hollidge, and A. Holland (Skip).

S. Randle, S. Alderman, A. Oswick, and J. Gregory (Skip).

Division II.
K.B.G.C.—H. F. Stoneham, J. J. Cameron, W. E. Hale, and A. W. E. Davidson (Skip).

G. E. F. Thompson, J. Rodger, H. H. Rose, and W. S. Drake (Skip).

F. V. Whitta, G. J. Meyer, F. L. Rapley, and V. Petherick (Skip).

Reserve: E. D. Labrousse.
C.S.C.C.—A. Tarbuck, J. Willmott, W. Bickford, and J. Deakin (Skip).

P. Wright, H. Strange, R. Wood, and W. E. I. Ilands (Skip).

H. Lockhart, J. Shand, A. E. Murphy, and L. Luck (Skip).

GREYHOUND ACTION

PLEADINGS ORDERED BY JUDGE PETER GRAIN.

CONTESTANTS' ABSENT.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
At H.B.M. Supreme Court this morning Judge Peter Grain ordered pleadings in the action brought by the Greyhound Racing Association against Messrs. MacNaghten and Martin. The suit is based on Article 28 of the Land Regulations. Neither officials of the G.R.A. nor defendants were present.—Reuter.

C.A.L. RUMJAHN 1931 CHAMPION.

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BALL CONTROL.

[By "Base Line."]

Fifty minutes of actual play and scores of 6-0, 6-4, 6-0, sufficed to give C. A. L. Rumjahn, the Open Singles Tennis Championship, yesterday at the H.K.C.C. His victory was nothing less than overwhelming and deserving of the highest praise. Immaculate length and accurate placing carried all before him against E. C. Fincher, last year's finalist.

Was "Teddy" Fit?

Though both players reported fit prior to the match, I was uneasy throughout the game as to the actual fitness of "Teddy" Fincher. His languid display and the way in which he was so often outpositioned lead me to believe that he was not in the pink of condition. His extraordinary weakness in service was disconcerting enough, apart from the complete failure of his stock strokes. I feel that, if he was quite fit, he gave the match away by the excessive exploitation of a stroke, which he has only just acquired—the cross court drive. His volleying was most unimpressive and his chop strokes lacked conviction—rather pointing to continual practice of his forehand drive to the detriment of his natural game. His knock-up before the match promised great things, but with the commencement of the first game he rarely looked as if he would capture the championship. Only once, during the second set, did we see a glimpse of his real form, but his complete failure in the opening set proved too great a stone round his neck.

Rumjahn Brilliant.

C. A. L. Rumjahn showed remarkable coolness during the match and showed the utmost confidence throughout. His top spin driving, mingled with cut strokes and straight drives, proved almost enough without his additional advances to the net. At volleying he was Fincher's master and won many valuable points when forcing the issue. His positioning was very good, though he showed weakness at the base of the left hand court, and continual driving in this direction might have caused him some anxiety.

Colony's Best.

To say that Rumjahn is worth his title is saying everything—on his form yesterday he would have eliminated all the leading players in the Colony. By his straight sets victory he has equalled a record held jointly by his brother S. A. Rumjahn and Ng Sze-kwong. This is his first championship honour in Hong Kong, though he has held the Flentain title. Remarkable ball control is undoubtedly the strong forte of this youthful exponent of lawn tennis.

LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the L.T.A. last night the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. R. E. Lindsell; Vice-President, Mr. M. K. Lo; Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. P. F. James; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. S. Green; Hon. League Secretary, Mr. S. A. Gray; Executive, Messrs. C. F. Lee, R. M. Henderson, Ho Ka-lau and S. A. Rumjahn.

HUGHES & BOUSSUS IN THE FINAL.

Commendable Japanese Sportsmanship.

MIKI'S PLUCK.

London, Yesterday.
A Briton and a Frenchman will meet in the final of the British hard courts tennis championship.

The Davis Cup player, Hughes, avenged Austin's defeat on Tuesday, by beating Miki in the semi-finals by 6-2, 2-6, 6-0, 6-2, 6-0. Boussus beat Oliff, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1, 1-6, 6-1.

When leading by two sets to one, and playing superbly, Miki developed a cramp in the upper part of the right leg, and won only two more games. Miki did not once stop, and was given a great ovation for his pluck and sportsmanship.

Hughes, spinning well, went to 6-0 in the first set, then Miki found his length and pace, and won the next two sets. It was at this point that he unfortunately developed a cramp. Oliff was not allowed to reproduce the brilliant form he showed against Perry.—Reuter.



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golf in Britain comes to be
written, the blackest page in it
will tell the story of how our amate-
urs were overwhelmed by the re-
presentatives of the United States
in the match for the Walker Cup
at Sandwich.

A veteran who might himself
have been chosen for the encoun-
ter if he had been fifteen years
younger remarked to me the other
day that, so far as he could gather
(and he had made inquiries), no
plan was in contemplation by the
authorities for helping this coun-
try to make a better show in the
next contest. He thought it would
be a scandal to send to America
a team chosen in the same
haphazard manner as in the past,
and wholly unprepared for such
an engagement. When a side of
this sort had been virtually anni-
hilated at home, what could be
the hopes in an American strong-
hold?

It is true that the next match
is due to take place two years
hence, but I agree with the critic
that the time to begin thinking
about it is now, for the right type
of players cannot be discovered
and developed in a few months.

Amateur championship, results
undoubtedly sway the selectors
very considerably, as, indeed, they
should do in normal circumstances.
But I fear they are often mislead-
ing as evidence of the men who
ought to appear for Britain in
this match against America.

They must always be so while
the games up to the final consist
of eighteen holes—games which
do not afford the proper opportu-
nity of recovery.

On the strength of form shown
in the Amateur Championship,
some obviously hasty and happy-
go-lucky selections have been
made for the British Walker Cup
team. It would be unfair to men-
tion the names of the players.
They have felt it a duty to re-
spond to the call, although it has
been as nearly certain as any-
thing could be—at any rate in a
good many minds—that they would
be crushed. And they have duly
suffered that tribulation.

Flash-in-the-Pan Choices.
Other players would have been
necessary choices, judging by pre-
cedents in the methods of selec-
tion, if only they had timed their
prominence in the Amateur Cham-
pionship for the right year.

Captain R. H. Johnson, for in-
stance, defeated five international
golfers in succession when that
event was last held at Hoylake.
I am not discussing whether he
ought to have been picked for a
Walker Cup match, but there can
be not the slightest doubt that he
would have been chosen on the
spot if the contest with America
had been imminent. As it was not
taking place that season, he was
promptly forgotten.

That is the whole weakness of
the system. Nothing is systema-
tic save for the inclusion of a few
stock members of the company,
who are picked without regard for
the ability that they may be show-
ing either at the moment or
throughout the season. That is
the reason that the Americans
beat us time after time.

They nominate their players on
the basis of sustained merit in-
stead of opportune flashes in the
pan. They are not influenced by
men who appear suddenly, like
shooting stars.

It would surely be a fairly
simple matter to collect about
thirty of the best British amateurs
on a centrally situated seaside
course, such as Hoylake, and set
them to show their relative
abilities in matches of thirty-six
holes.

It is the essence of the problem
to discover the best players in this
length of game. There are palp-
ably too many fluky results in
championship matches of eighteen
holes, but this country has to ac-
cept them as a guide, to form for
the reason that it has virtually no

CANTON SPORTING EVENTS.

Visit of Hong Kong
Police.

Canton, Yesterday.

According to information secur-
ed from the National Athletic As-
sociation, a friendly football
match between the Hong Kong
Police and the Canton Police, has
been arranged to take place this
coming Saturday at 4 p.m. at the
Tai Fat Temple Recreation Ground.
Canton. Gate tickets are \$1 each
and receipts will go to the Home
for the Poor.

Tennis.

The tennis finals in the Singles
Tournament for the American
Challenge Cup will be played at
3 p.m. on May 2, in the Central
Park. The contestants are Profes-
sor Ma Chi-huen of the Lingnam
University and Professor Li Man-
cheung of the Kwangtung Indus-
trial College. A very interesting
match is expected. At the conclu-
sion of the match, the presentation
of the American Challenge Cups for
ladies and gentlemen will take
place.—Canton Gazette.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—
Open Doubles at H.K.C.C. (Semi-
final).

CHESS—To-day—Kowloon
Chess Club Junior Championship.
FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Divi-
sion I—Rangers v. R.A.; South
China A.A. (Champions) v. Rest
of the League on Club ground at
5 p.m.

HOCKEY—To-morrow—Hong
Kong Ladies' Hockey Club
(Champions) v. The Rest of the
League.

RACING—To-morrow—Fourth
Extra Race Meeting.

LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—
Opening of League Season.
May 9—Entries close for Open
Singles Championship.

HOME.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—Brit-
ish Hard Court Championships
at Bournemouth (Final).

CRICKET—To-morrow—Open-
ing of English Cricket Season.
RUGBY—FOOTBALL—To-mor-
row—Rugby League Cup Final.

thing else to take. The Americans
have long since abandoned such
frivolities in first-class golf, writes
Harry Vardon in The Sports Dis-
patch.

We might have four teams of
eight players a-side, each team to
meet the other three on consecu-
tive days. That would involve
only one long week-end, and would
afford a better indication as to
the right men to represent Britain
than has been obtained in all the
championships. Such tests could
be held on several occasions and
courses.

Fighting for Places.
A golfer usually has to do a lot
more to gain his place in an im-
portant team match than has been
necessary on the part of some of
the choicest for the Walker Cup
contest—the most important event
of all.

In other instances he truly has
to earn his distinction. It does
not come of transitory brilliance,
which is often the reward of a
day's uncanny putting. It is only
after a player has been tried week
by week for four months that he
appears in the Oxford and Cam-
bridge match. The Dublin Uni-
versity Club used to have (I do
not know whether they retain it)
a sporting practice by which any-
body who did not secure a place
in the team could, if he felt so
disposed, challenge a member of
the side and play him for the
place.

I think they had to contest three
matches, and, if the challenger
won all three, he deposed his vic-
tim. Similarly a man who was in
a lower position in the team than
he thought he ought to occupy
could challenge someone higher
up, and take his position by gain-
ing three consecutive victories
over him.

This may have made every mem-
ber of the side feel that his

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

Bank wire	11 1/2
Bank on demand	11 1/2
Bank 4 months' sight	11 1/2
Merchandise Bk. A.B. 4 months' sight	1/— 5/16
Documentary 4 months' sight	1/— 7/16
On demand	602 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	642 1/2
On Berlin	Nom.
On New York	23 9/16
Credits, 60 days' sight	24 11/16
Wire	65 1/4
On demand	65 1/4
Wire	65 1/4
On demand	42
On Shanghai	47 1/2
On demand	47 1/2
Dollar	4 1/2 % dis.
On Shanghai	47 1/2
On demand	47 1/2
Sovereigns	1/— 1/4
buying rate)	13 3/16
Silver (per oz.)	Nominal
Copper Cash	3 % prem.
Copper Cents	3 % prem.
Rate of Native In- terest	3 1/2 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	23 1/2 % dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par	

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	124 1/4
New York	4 86 1/16
Brussels	34 86 1/2
Geneva	25 25
Amsterdam	12 09 1/4
Milan	92 98 1/2
Berlin	20 41 1/2
Stockholm	18 14 1/2
Copenhagen	18 16 1/2
Oslo	18 16 1/2
Vienna	34 56 1/2
Prague	164 1/4
Helsingfors	193 1/4
Madrid	46
Lisbon	108 25
Athens	375
Bucharest	217
Rio	3 9/16
Buenos Aires	36 5/16
Montevideo	32 1/4
Bombay	1/5 13/16
Shanghai	1/3 3/4
Yokohama	2/— 13/32
Hong Kong	11 1/2
Silver Spot	13 8/16
Silver Forward	13 1/2

—British Wireless Service.

glories were precarious, but it
must have been an excellent means
to efficiency.

Trial matches for places in the
British team would provide a
healthy system of promotion by
merit, and would certainly be more
valuable than the Amateur Cham-
pionship as a guide to form.

YACHTING.

THIRD MID-WEEK RACE RESULTS.

The third mid-week yacht races
were sailed yesterday, the course
being—Channel Rocks (P), Mark
on Line (S), Rumsey Shoal (S), a
distance of 4.3 miles.

The results were as follow:—

"H" Class.	
[Started at 5.25 p.m.]	
Yacht	Sailed by
Argulla I. (Mr. F. Baker).	
"Y" and "G" Classes.	
[Started at 5.30 p.m.]	
Yacht	Sailed by
Why Wonder? (Major Stewart)	5
Bluejacket (Com. Walker, R.N.)	3
Boojum (Capt. C. C. Fowkes)	4
Speedwell (Mrs. Adams)	1
Admiral (Miss Pickering)	2
Daphne (Capt. Lochner)	2
Alisa (Pay Lt. Petre)	D.N.F.
Jessamine (Col. W. N. Stokes)	

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 1st May, 1931.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sett- led	Form	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	2016	...	...	100c.	1930	[Final 23 bonus 21 1. Apr. 1931 100-00-14] Mar. 31
Chartered Bank	...	...	141	100c.	1930	[Fin. 7-10 bonus subject to approval making 200 for 1930] Mar. 31
Mercantile Bk., A.B. & C.	...	...	231	100c.	1930	[Fin. 20-21 bonus 100-00-14] Apr. 31
Bank of Asia	190	...	121	100c.	1930	[Fin. 20-21 bonus 100-00-14] Feb. 28, 31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	...	...	1400	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Pending
Union Ins.	652	635	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Pending
*China Underwriters.....	...	...	480	100c.	1930	Nones
China Fire Ins.	525	...	...	100c.	1930	[Final 40 bonus 21 1. Apr. 1931 100-00-14] Pending
H. K. Fire Ins.	...	...	1500	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 26, 31
Shipping.						
Douglas	231	...	...	100c.	1930	Last dividend for 1930
H. K. Steamships	271	39	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	40	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] June 19, 31
(Def.)	30	...	...	100c.	1930	Last dividend for 1930
Shell Transport	...	...	251	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Jan. 6, 31
Union Waterboats	...	...	351	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 31, 31
Mining.						
Benguet	31	...	...	100c.	1930	Interim 25 cents for 1930
Kailan Mining Ad.	...	...	2673	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 31, 31
Lan Kat	...	...	84	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Dec. 20, 30
Shai Exploration	...	...	2	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] May 8, 31
Loans	...	...	51	100c.	1930	Nones
*Raupe	...	...	191	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Feb. 6, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	31	...	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 26, 31
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves	...	104	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 19, 31
H. K. & W. Docks	29	...	...	100c.	1930	Last dividend for 1930
South Ch. Motors	...	...	10	...	...	Nones
*China Providence (old)	5.85	5.90	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] April 9, 31
(new)	300	...	2.30	...	...	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Pending
Hongkew	...	...	6	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 4, 31
N. Engineering	...	...	112	Apr.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] July 30, 30
Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	...	...	
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. & S. Hotels (C.R.)	151	151 1/2	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Apr. 16, 31
(F.R.)	...	...	31	...	...	
(R.G.)	...	...	100	...	...	
H.K. Lands	100	100 1/2	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Feb. 10, 31
Shanghai Land	10	10	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 19, 31
Humphreys (old)	107	101	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Feb. 24, 31
(new)	107	101	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Apr. 16, 31
H. K. Realities	11.80	11.00	...	...	...	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] July 31, 30
Chinese Estates	30	...	...	...	...	
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton	13.80	18.00	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 12, 31
Shanghai Cotton	...	...	101	Apr. & June	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Nov. 29, 30
Zoong Sings	...	...	111	June	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	18.00	18.00/10	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Feb. 27, 31
Peak Tram (old)	...	...	141	Apr.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] June 16, 30
(new)	...	...	61	...	...	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Dec. 13, 31
Star Ferries	9 1/2	9 1/2	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Dec. 16, 30
*China Light	27.15	27 1/2	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 19, 31
H. K. Electric	5.2	5.1	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 19, 31
Macao	...	...	28	...	...	
Sandakan Lights	...	...	12	June	1930	Nones
H.K. Tels. fully paid	...	...	54	...	...	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 11, 31
(old)	...	...	191	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Feb. 26, 30
China Buss	...	...	19.20	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Feb. 6, 31
S'pore Traction (Ord.)	...	...	6/6	Sept.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Subject to income tax.
(Pref.)	...	...	191	...	...	
Industrials.						
China Sugars	...	...	80-14	...	...	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 4, 31
Malayan Sugars	...	...	30	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 27, 31
Cald. Macg. Ord.	...	...	14	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 27, 31
(Pref.)	...	...	101	...	...	
Canton Ice	3.60	...	...	July	1930	Nones
*Camenta	18.65	...	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 13, 31
(old)	121	...	...	...	...	
(new)	...	...	5.15	...	...	
H. K. Rope	...	...	201 1/2	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 27, 31
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	37	37 1/2	...	100c.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 19, 31
Watsons	14.30	...	...	Oct.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Mar. 19, 31
Der A Wings	...	...	1	...	...	
Lane Crawford	6	...	...	Feb.	1930	Last dividend for year 24-25
Mackintosh	...	...	18	...	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Apr. 29, 31
Sincere	...	...	14 1/2	...	...	
Wm. Powells	...	...	4	Feb.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] June 12, 31
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement (old)	...	...	20 1/2	Mar.	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Sept. 27, 30
(new)	19.60	...	...	...	...	
Ch. Entertainment	...	...	7 1/2	...	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Apr. 29, 31
H. K. Construction	7 1/2	...	...	...	1930	[Fin. 10-11 bonus 100-00-14] Apr. 29, 31
H. Ind. O.S. Bonds	70%	...	...	...	...	
H. K. Govt. Loans	9%	...	...	...	...	
*Speculative shares. *Sales to Shanghai.						

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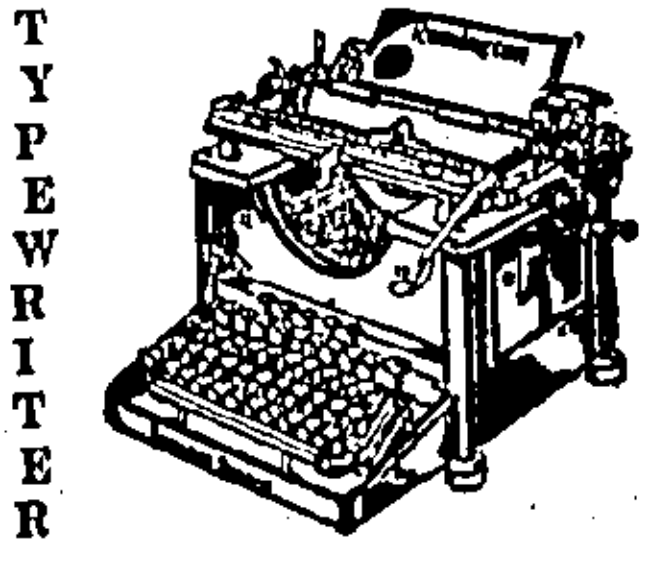
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THRILLS IN FOREIGN LEGION PLAY.

"RENEGADES."

Although most persons think of
the French Foreign Legion doing
all its fighting in Northern Africa,
the fact remains that some of the
fiercest battles of that noted corps
were fought on American soil.

A look into the history of North
America of the Nineteenth Century
period will prove that once they
battled within a 100 miles of the
U.S. border.

When Maximilian made his ill-
fated attempt to become Emperor
of Mexico 70 years ago, he brought
the Legion with him as his chief
argument. This famous organiza-
tion struggled valiantly for years
against terrific odds, heaving a path
from Vera Cruz to Mexico City for
its commander until it was almost
wiped out. Only a handful of the
original regiment was left at the
end of that tragic campaign.

Maximilian thereafter was placed
against a wall and a firing squad
banished for ever his princely
claims.

The recent struggle between the
Legion and the Riff tribesmen of
Morocco forms the background of
"Renegades." Warner Baxter's
latest Fox movie-tone vehicle which
is playing to-day in the King's
Theatre. This picture, one of the
first dramas of the Legion to reach
the talking screen, presents an un-
usual combination of heroism and
treachery, bound with a strange ro-
mance of a woman spy and the war-
rior she betrays. But the warrior
has his innings and the method he
employs is both startling and
thorough.

Myrna Loy plays the role of the
spy, with Noah Beery, George
Cooper, and Gregory Gage as
Baxter's three comrades, and C.
Henry Gordon as the Legion cap-
tain.

"THE LIGHT OF WESTERN STARS."

Outdoor action dramas have cap-
tured the public taste. "The
Virginian," Paramount's first out-
door romance with dialogue, has set
the country agog. Now Param-
ount has brought forward its
second outdoor talking romance,
"The Light of Western Stars," a
Zane Grey story with Richard
Arden, Mary Brian and Harry
Green. It is showing for the
last time to-day at the Central
Theatre.

An up-and-coming cast, a great

production, and a story that is
brimful of fast melodramatic action
interspersed with sure-fire comedy,
and the whole knitted together with
a strong romantic theme, has every-
thing a moving picture should have
for honest-to-goodness entertain-
ment. "The Light of Western Stars"
has all of these things, and, in addi-
tion, it is inspiringly spectacular,
filmed on a big, imposing scale.

Zane Grey's stories are the out-
standing tales of Western life to-
day. The novels have been read
by millions and, in silent form,
such pictures as "The Wanderer of
the Wasteland," "The Call of the
Canyon," "The Thundering Herd"
and "The Vanishing American"
were gems of the screen world.

With dialogue, Zane Grey is, with-
out doubt, one of the greatest au-
thors writing for the screen.

"SEE AMERICA THIRST."

An airplane crash, in the midst
of a large group of warring
gangsters is one of the perilsome
stunts featured in Universal's full-
length comedy "See America
Thirst" which comes to the Central
Theatre beginning to-morrow.

Although it was obviously a risk,
the crash was cautiously arranged
and effected without injury to any
one in the picture.

Harry Langdon, Slim Summer-
ville, and Bessie Love have the
principal roles, with Mitchell Lewis,
Matthew Betz, Stanley Field, Lloyd
Whitlock, and Dick Alexander in the
splendid supporting cast. William
J. Craft directed the picture.

Harry Langdon has mastered a
new art, that of shivering, and his
success in "See America Thirst,"
Universal feature-length comedy,
depends to a great extent on this
new accomplishment. "See America
Thirst" is a breezy, fast moving
satire on American gang life with
Langdon, Slim Summerville, and
Bessie Love in the principal roles.

"NEW MOON."

Can one man be a whole quartet?
Lawrence Tibbett, celebrated bar-
itone, who is co-starred with Grace
Moore in "New Moon" playing on
Sunday at the Queen's Theatre, ac-
complished such a feat during the
filming of the new Metro-Goldwyn-
Mayer production.

As an experiment he sang and re-
corded tenor, bass and first and
second baritone parts of a song;
then superimposed them and made
a new record which turned out to
be a perfect quartet, each voice be-
ing his own. Only Tibbett's
enormous range made such a feat
possible.

Both Tibbett and Miss Moore are
given an opportunity to sing a sum-

SIAMESE TWINS AS CO-RESPONDENTS.

Publicity Agent's Wife Granted Divorce.

A divorce suit with the Siamese
twins, Daisy and Violet Hilton,
named as co-respondents, is on the
record in the Circuit Court at
Kansas City.

Mrs. Mildred Oliver brought a
suit against her husband, alleging
that he loved the twins and the
twins loved him.

She declared that Mr. Oliver
left her two years ago to become
publicity agent for the Hiltons,
from whom he had received pre-
sents of a motor car, jewellery,
and clothes.

The divorce was granted.
It was generally believed that the
twins were born in Texas, but
Mrs. Mabel Trussell, of The Lanes,
Brighton, said that she was their
aunt and that they were born at
Brighton 23 years ago.

Their mother, she said, was an
unmarried domestic servant, Miss
Kate Skinner, but they were kept
in ignorance of the fact and were
adopted by a Mrs. Hilton, wife of a
Brighton licensee.

After Mr. and Mrs. Hilton died
they were taken to the United
States, where they have earned
large sums. They applied recently
to the San Antonio court for a
receivership for themselves, al-
leging that they had been "held in
bondage" since childhood.

ber of beautiful songs in "New
Moon," which is a talkie version of
the noted New York stage success.
The story, laid in Turkestan, pre-
sents an intriguing tale of romance
and adventure in which a flirting
Russian princess and a fiery Leuten-
ant play central figures.

Under the direction of Jack
Conway, every effort was made to
create dramatic and pictorially
effective scenes, some of them re-
quiring use of nearly 1,000 extras
to provide a spectacular back-
ground.

An imposing supporting cast is
headed by Adolphe Menjou, Roland
Young, Gipsy Smy and Emily
Fitzroy.



RENEGADES
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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will
be broadcast to-day from the
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metres.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Pro-
gramme of Columbia Records kind-
ly supplied by the Anderson Music
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7.02-7.32 p.m.—From the Studio
Lecture on "Sunlight & Health"
by Professor W. I. Gerrard, O.B.E.,
M.D., M.R.C.P. (London), D.P.H.
8 p.m.—Local Time, Weather
Report, etc.

7.32-8.23 p.m.—A Concert.

Song—
The Songs My Mother Sang
(Grimshaw)

The Merry Dance (Molloy).

Doris Vanie, Soprano (DX157).

Violin Solo—
The Phantom Melody (Ketelbey).

Algerian Scene (Ketelbey).

Algerian Scene. Albert Sandler (8803).

Male Octette—
The Keys of Heaven (Cheshire Folk
Song arr. Button).

Studies in Imitation (Hughes),
London Male Voice Octette
(DX39).

Pianoforte Solo—
Caprice Chinois (Scott).

Pensoso (Scott).

Cyril Scott (DB41).

Song—
Tom Bowling (Bibb).

The Bay of Biscay
(Cherry & Davy).

William Haseltine, Tenor
(DX70).

Cello Solo—
Mennett (Haydn-Moffatt).

Chanson Villageoise (Popper).

Gasper Cassado (D1613).

8.23-9.07 p.m.—Orchestral.

The Clock and the Dresden Figures
(Ketelbey).

Wedgwood Blue (Ketelbey).

Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert
Orchestra (DX27).

In a Chinese Temple Garden
(Ketelbey).

Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert
(8859).

Silhouettes (Arensky).

The Eastbourne Municipal
Orchestra (8749).

Norwegian Rhapsody (Lalo).

Orchestre Symphonique
de Paris (8707).

The Merry Brothers (Gennin).

Echoes of the Valley (Gennin).

The Bonmouth Municipal
Orchestra (8821).

9.07-9.30 p.m.—Octette.

A Venetian Barcarole (Willoughby).

J. H. Sander Celeste Octet
(DX211).

Rhapsody No. 2 (Liszt).

J. H. Sander Celeste Octet
(8840).

Scene De Ballet (Bikup & Sear).

J. H. Sander Celeste Octet
(8825).

9.30-10 p.m.—From the Studio

Pianoforte Recital by Miss Youna

Guller, the Celebrated Russian

Pianist.

1. E. Ma in C Major (D. Scarlatti).

BENBOW'S LAST VOYAGE.

Off to Wreckers' Scrap- Iron Yards.

Plymouth, Mar. 25.
H.M.S. Benbow, the war-scarred
veteran of the Battle of Jutland,
leaves here to-morrow for the
Firth of Forth to be broken up.

I visited the derelict man-o-war
this afternoon as she lay alongside
the quay at Devonport, rusty and
stripped of her shining brass and
paintwork, ready for her last
voyage, writes a Daily Express cor-
respondent.

Her fittings have been torn
away. The mahogany panels of
the captain's cabin have been
ripped out. The grey paintwork
has turned black, and rust has
coated her iron decks.

Two Dutch tugs arrived here
this afternoon to take the Benbow
in tow. The captain of the dock-
yard has surrendered the vessel,
and her clearance papers were
issued to-night.

Two watchmen who have been
living in the vessel since she was
put on the scrapping list six
months ago will leave the Benbow
in the morning.

After that she becomes simply
\$60,000 worth of scrap iron.

I shall be travelling in the worn-
out battleship when she leaves
here to-morrow. I chose my cabin
to-night—a bare steel box on the
after-deck, where the captain
formerly had his palatial quarters.
The whole ship is strewn with
litter and in a state of tragic
disuse. The lofty control tower,
with its broken windows and hang-
ing spars, still stands proudly
above the battery of four fifteen-
inch guns which are pointing over
the bow.

2. La Tendre Nanette (Couperin).

3. Les Tourbillons (Dandrieux).

4. Mazurka (Chopin).

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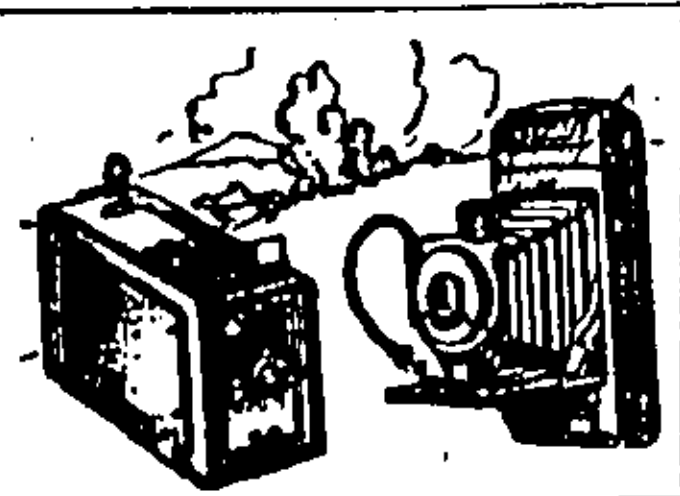
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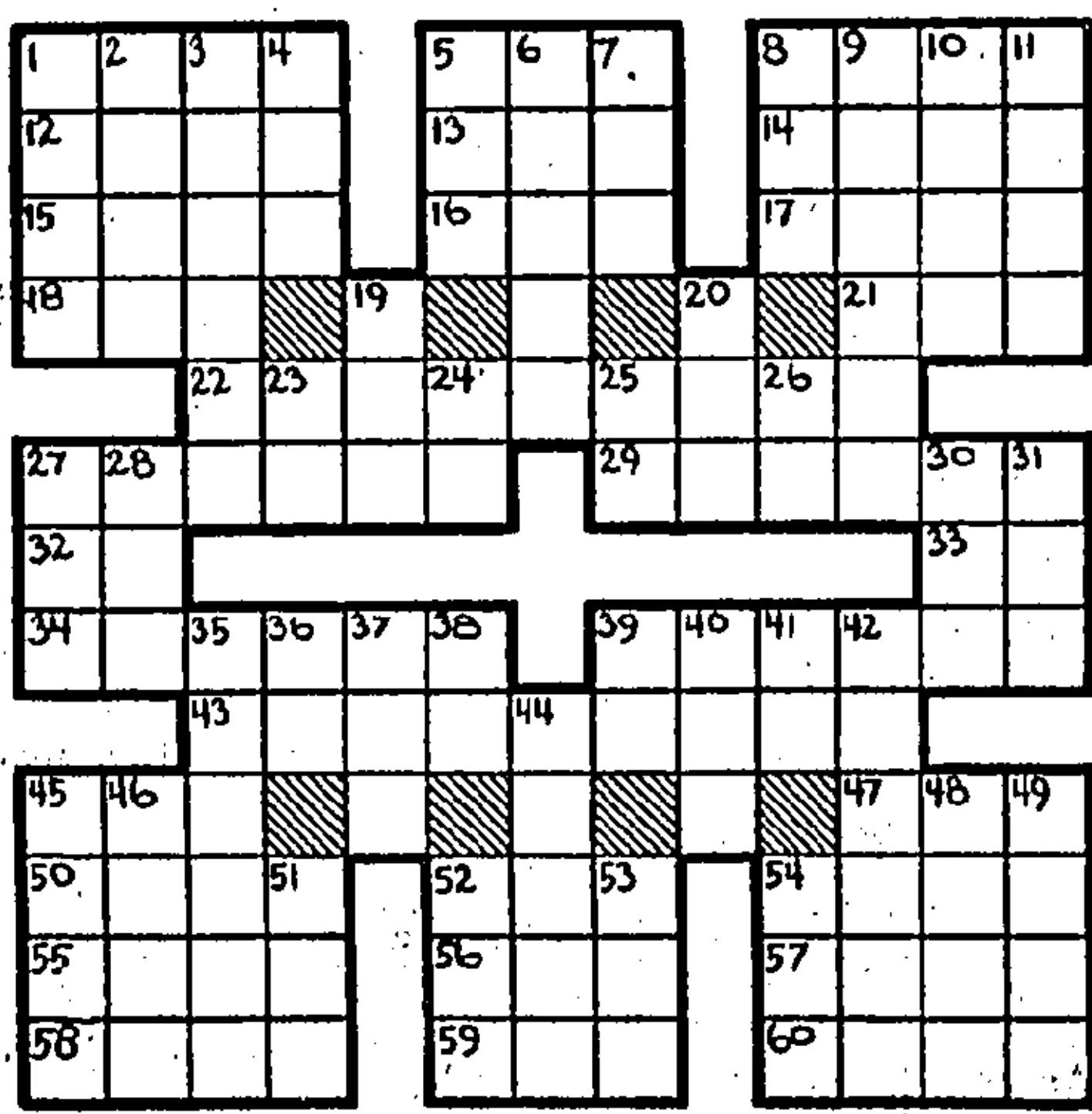
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plover, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Humble
- 2—Base
- 3—U. S. coin
- 4—Altar end of a church
- 5—Anger
- 6—Soent
- 7—Whool
- 8—A sailor (colloq.)
- 9—An emperor of Rome
- 10—Point of compass (abbr.)
- 11—A rodent
- 12—Pertaining to the outer skin
- 13—A vegetable
- 14—Become visible
- 15—Into
- 16—Musical note
- 17—Hawking feet (Zool.)
- 18—Armed
- 19—Irregular
- 20—Part of body
- 21—Terminate
- 22—File away
- 23—Swab
- 24—Heavenly body
- 25—Any open space

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 26—Friend (Fr.)
- 27—Largest continent
- 28—A zone
- 29—A color
- 30—Trust
- 31—God of war (Rom. Myth.)
- 32—A series of heroic events
- 33—Respect
- 34—A New Zealand parrot
- 35—Large
- 36—Accented
- 37—Debutant (abbr.)
- 38—To study with care
- 39—Famous American girl swimmer
- 40—Feminine name
- 41—A horse pace
- 42—Rest
- 43—Mischievous child
- 44—Father
- 45—Egyptian sun-god
- 46—A month (abbr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 27—End
- 28—Unit
- 29—Metric land-measure
- 31—A color
- 32—Maiden
- 33—Indefinite article
- 37—Summit
- 38—Printer's measure
- 39—South Latitude (abbr.)
- 40—Measure of weight for gold
- 42—A small blood sucking fly of Africa
- 44—Agreeable odor
- 45—One of the Arabian race
- 46—Choice
- 48—A claw
- 49—A strong, heavy vehicle
- 51—To strike gently
- 52—Small rug
- 53—Fasten together
- 54—South African Republic (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

TALKIE TALKS

by
Diane

Imagine them together. Two of the greatest Stars of the New York Metropolitan Opera House brought to our very doors—Grace Moore, lovely, talented with a glorious voice, and Lawrence Tibbett, to my way of thinking, one of the finest baritone voices ever heard. "The New Moon" will introduce you to them at the Queen's this coming week. The music by Sigmund Romberg is delightful—with the famous duet—"Love come back to me"—(Evelyn Laye did it at Home) sung as it has never before been sung. This play was a "smashing hit" on the stage, and it has been ably put on the screen under the direction of Jack Conway. The plot has been slightly altered since I saw it—it is now Russian with Grace Moore as a Princess and Tibbett as a dashing Lieutenant. Some new music has been added, and "Stout Hearted Men" has now been left alone for Tibbett to "put over" with the power and beauty of tone of which his voice alone is capable. They say there is no room for Musicals; that is not so in Hong



Grace Moore.

Kong. This play should pack the Queen's, and M-G-M have done a fine piece of work in putting this dramatic Opera on the screen. The acting honours are in the capable hands of Adolphe Menjou and Roland Young.

Missionary in China. Grace Moore has only appeared in one other picture, "A Lady's Morals," with Reginald Denny, supposedly the life of Jenny Lind. She is a Southerner—born in Tennessee. Her parents intended her to become a missionary in China. She borrowed the money, ran away to New York, to face the same vicissitudes so many artists have faced—semi starvation, the rounds of the agent's offices, continual disappointment. Her first chance came in Musical Comedy. Appeared in "The Music Box Revue" for three years, then in "Hitchy Koo" (think of a grand opera "star" in such a trifle), she turned her back on all this success when she had sufficient money saved, and spent a year on the Continent with hard-grinding study.

She returned to the Metropolitan Opera House and was a triumph in "La Boheme." She is one of the biggest favourites in Opera to-day, in all the countries where it is revered.

Miss Moore owns a ranch outside Los Angeles, a villa on the Riviera, adores her work, and sacrifices for it, as all true artists do. No smoking, so strenuous exercise, little social life—all the time studying and thinking of the voice and the beautiful slim figure.

There is a rumour that she is to play "The Merry Widow." Lawrence Tibbett is also American born



Lawrence Tibbett.

and bred, a Californian. His father was a sheriff, killed by a bandit, and young Lawrence and his mother went through great privations. He also borrowed the money to go to New York and after a hard struggle obtained a footing in the Metropolitan, and his first appearance became musical history. He has a wonderful voice and twin sons. I hear it said he will do "Rose Marie." The critics praise his

acting with Esther Ralston in "The Southerner." Tibbett is not only rated high because of his glorious voice, but for the fire and naturalness of his acting. This is certainly a rare combination of talent, and if you love music—and you do—you will be there the first night. Highly recommended. (Queen's).

A Zane Grey Romance. "The Light of Western Stars" shows what can be done with an old reliable plot and a few good actors in the cast. It is from the prolific pen of Zane Grey. I remember Jack Holt in the Movie version. Now with snappy dialogue it is grand entertainment of this type. Richard Arlen, Fred Kohler, Harry Green, and Mary Brian—all excellent. You remember the story. The heroine from the East goes to live on a ranch left by her murdered brother and finds herself in the clutches of the villain, whom the hero unmasks as the murderer. Plenty of suspense; well worth seeing. I think it is as good as "The Virginians," and that is SOME praise. (Central).

"Renegades" with a great favourite of mine, Warner Baxter, and exotic lovely Myrna Loy (she is a big hit in Ronald Colman's latest). Baxter, Noah Beery and the Director, Victor Fleming, share honours in this exciting story of battle and love on the North African sands. It would be an exaggeration to say it is another "Beau Geste." As a matter of fact there are one or two things in the story I cannot quite explain. Warner Baxter, a Legionnaire, is confronted by a lovely adventuress. Why he attempts to choke her to death is not clear, but anyhow he deserts the Legion and becomes the Ruler of a Desert Tribe, captures Myrna, but go and see for yourself what happens. Warner Baxter, who was unforgettable in "Behind that Curtain," and "The Romance of the Rio Grande," is worth seeing. I would not miss him in anything, however trifling. Noah Beery always dependable, and many others make up a really good cast. (King's).

Those French Girls! I mentioned "Those Three French Girls" last week. Reginald Denny is the main attraction for me. Piff D'Orsay is slipping in public favour, because she is not allowed to be other than she was in "So This is Paris" and the "broken accent" is becoming tiring. All three girls are much of a muchness. It is not an outstanding story, in spite of its being from the pen of one of the best humorists in England, P. G. Wodehouse. It is well produced and directed. Cliff Edwards helps with his antics and comical little face. Denny is truly delightful in the Talkies, because of his clear speaking voice—his biggest attraction. (Queen's).

Coming shortly—the picture that was two years in the making, which demanded that an entire Company butt its way through the African jungle. According to the Press Agents of the M.G.M., it is one of the greatest pictures ever made. "Trader Horn" is packing the theatres wherever it is being shown. Director Van Dyke has done wonderful work. Harry Carey is ideal as the Trader. Edwin Booth as the "Discovery" in the jungle gives a good performance. There is a native, Mutia, who almost steals the acting honours. It is drama with a vengeance and holds one breathless with interest. (Queen's).

Maurice Chevalier. A promise from the King's that we shall see the latest picture of the one and only Maurice Chevalier, starting May 5—"The Play-boy of Paris." That means big houses, we all love the Chevalier. It is pleasing entertainment but falls short of being brilliant. Maurice only sings two songs. He is a waiter in a cafe who inherits a million francs but cannot quit his job because he has been tricked into signing a contract that would make him give up half his legacy if he resigns. Therefore he must carry on, and resorts to all sorts of comic means to have himself fired. Frances Dee, a newcomer who was picked from a row of extras, because Maurice liked her looks, is not convincing. Stuart Erwin is amongst the best of the bunch. O. P. Heggie, so excellent in "The Vagabond King," struggles with a part not worthy of his talent. Chevalier tries hard to please, and after all he IS Chevalier, you can ask nothing more, although you will be disappointed that the story and songs are so far away from comparison with "The Love Parade." (King's).

"Absurd Gags." "See America Thirst." What an inspiration of a title. A Universal with Bessie Love, Harry Langdon

and Slim Summerville. Said to be a big laugh sensation, so we shall go and see. I can vouch for the fact that both comedians can be very amusing if the vehicle provided is full of absurd gags. Harry and Slim are mistaken for two gunmen hired by a gang of liquor run-



Bessie Love.

nore. They become thoroughly implicated in a battle between rival gangsters, then the fun starts in earnest. Universal call it a hilarious comedy—they may be right; there seems opportunity for a scream—that is if you like farces. (Central).

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

To avoid being married on Friday the 13th, Virginia Valli and Charles Farrell were married just after midnight. Blanche Sweet, Alice Joyce and Farrell's manager attended, and they had a "Breakfast" at four o'clock in the morning in New York. Virginia gave her age as thirty-six. She was dressed in deep blue over which was worn a pink coat. She looked very youthful, and they certainly seemed happy. Left two days later for Europe.

Ina Claire has been signed by M.G.M. for five years. I think she is one of the finest actresses I have seen, and expect big things of her now she is under the banner of such a go ahead Studio.

Jeannette Macdonald is with Edmund Lowe and Roland Young in "More than a Kiss." (Fox).

Paul Cavanaugh. Paul Cavanaugh, seen here recently in "Strictly Unconventional," is being handed some fine parts these days. Among others in the cast that supports Warner Baxter in Cecil B de Mille's revival of "The Squaw Man." When I was young I remember Lewis Waller in this play. It certainly looks like Carole Lombard being Mrs. William Powell. They are together in Michael Arlen's "Gentleman of the Streets."

Young Robert Coogan, who is extraordinarily like his elder brother Jackie when he acted in "The Kid," is to wear the same suit, which has been lovingly preserved by his parents, in the forthcoming Paramount Production of "Skippy," in which the baby brother will make his first appearance on the screen.

Charlie Chaplin gave a showing of "City Lights" to the inmates of Sing Sing Prison before the opening in New York. The inmates of the condemned cells are not allowed to see any show, they hear it over the Radio. In this instance, as it is a Silent they only heard the sound effects.

Mary Pickford is still anxious to play "Peg O' My Heart."

Norma Talmadge has given up the idea of stage work and has returned to Europe.

Words of Wisdom from the Stars:

Mary Pickford does not know the word DEFEAT. She says all happiness comes from within. The material things of life do not lead to contentment, the best things are free. Money can't keep you from sorrow.

Harold Lloyd says that through his greatest suffering when there was the fear of his blindness and finish of his career, he never lost his grip on the great joy of just being alive.

Gloria Swanson says that the greatest blessing in life is INDEPENDENCE. Conquer FEAR, it was the bitterest foe she had to face. She has ceased struggling to find herself, she has learned to take things easily, from day to day, counting each day enough. Be honest with oneself.

NO NOTICE.

HOUSE "BOY" SUMMONED BY MISTRESS.

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At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mrs. S. Dunn, of 19 Felix Villas, summoned a former house "boy" for leaving her service without giving due notice. The case was heard by Mr. Schofield (Magistrate).

Mrs. Dunn said that the "boy" disappeared on April 5, and later she was informed that he had taken service in MacDonnell Road. He declined to return to work for her for a further fifteen days. His wages were \$25 a month.

The Magistrate said that he was satisfied that the "boy" had not given sufficient notice or paid a month's wages in lieu of such notice. These cases, however, were rare, and in view of the good character given the defendant, he thought the payment to the complainant of \$10 as compensation would meet the case.

Mrs. Dunn donated the sum to the Poor Box.

STANDARD TIMES.

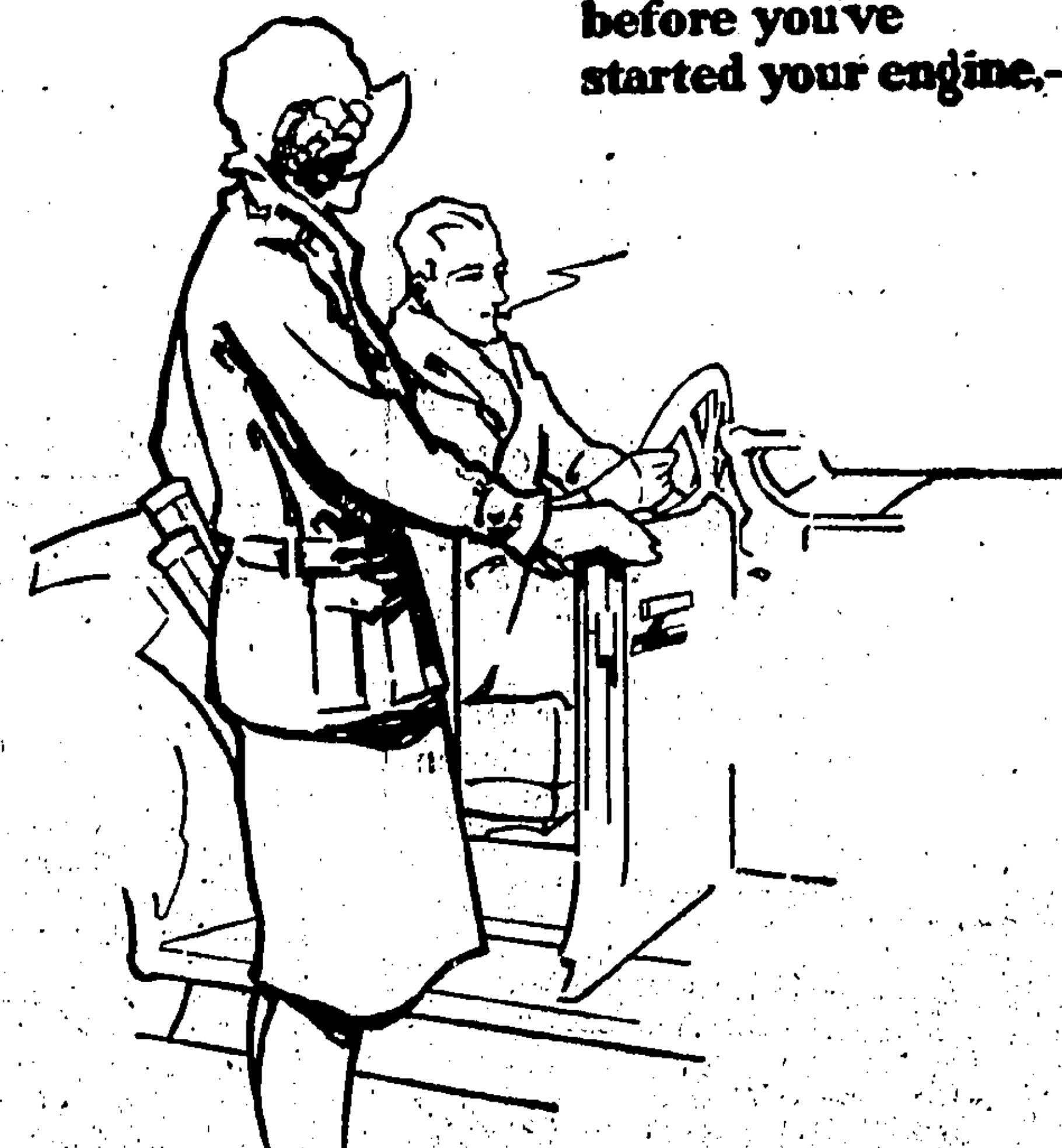
SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN COLONY.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for May, 1931. Standard time of the 120th Meridian East of Greenwich) are as follows:—

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7	5.48	6.52
8	5.48	6.53
9	5.47	6.53
10	5.46	6.53
11	5.46	6.54
12	5.45	6.54
13	5.45	6.55
14	5.44	6.55
15	5.43	6.55
16	5.43	6.56
17	5.43	6.56
18	5.42	6.57
19	5.42	6.57
20	5.41	6.58
21	5.41	6.58
22	5.41	6.59
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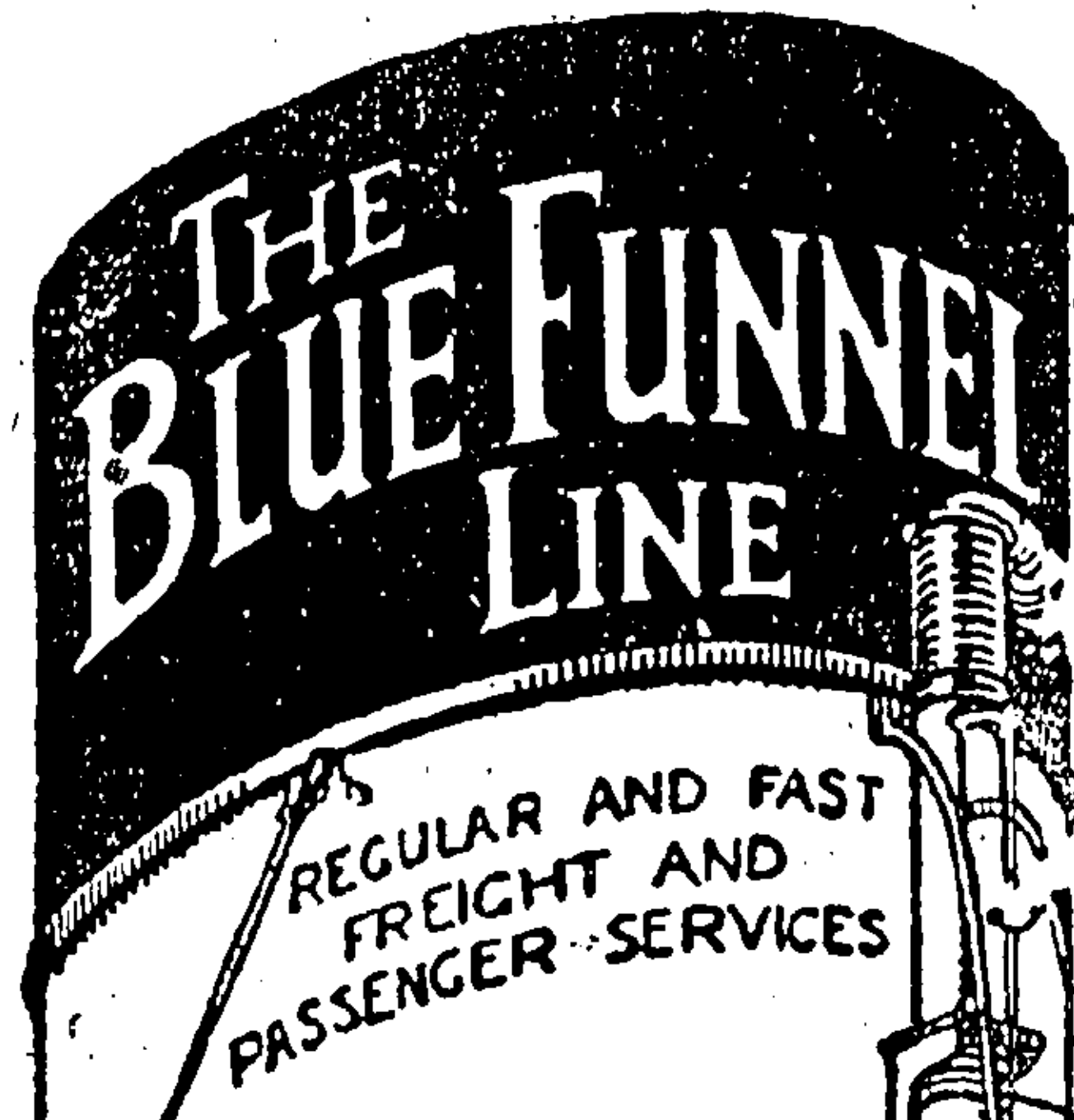
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KINGSFORD-SMITH'S VIEWS.

Singapore, Yesterday.
Kingsford-Smith on his arrival in the Southern Cross with the British air mail stated that while the National Airways would like to establish an Australia-Calcutta air mail, they were unable to do so without a subsidy.

He also thought a service between Port Darwin and Singapore would be preferable.

Canberra, Yesterday.
Mr. Scullin announces that he has informed the Imperial Airways and the Dutch Air Mail Company that Australia is unable to subsidise any air mail services.—Reuter.

KAYE DON.

LUNCHEON GIVEN TO BRITISH MOTOR-BOAT "ACE."

CAMPBELL PRESENT.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Sir Malcolm Campbell and Lord Wakefield were present at a luncheon in London in honour of Kaye Don, who recently created a new world speed record with his motorboat Miss England the Second at Buenos Aires.—British Wireless Service.

FAMOUS PAGODA.

GOLDEN TOP INSET WITH DIAMONDS.

Rangoon, Yesterday.
Pilgrims from all over the country assembled at Shwedagon Pagoda, for a ceremony of great pomp for replacing the top of this famous pagoda, which was destroyed in the earthquake last year, with a new golden top, inset with diamonds, at a cost of £60,000.—Reuter.

TRAIN DISASTER.

NIGHTMARE FOR RELIEF WORKERS.

Cairo, Yesterday.
The express casualty list is now 46 dead and 41 injured, many of whom are not expected to recover.

Relief workers endured a nightmare in searching the lines for the collection of human remains, many unrecognisable.
The intense flames fused the overhead wires, interrupting communications.—Reuter.

HEALTH TRIP.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY HOME AGAIN.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Archbishop of Canterbury has returned from his cruise in Mr. Pierpont Morgan's yacht Corsair, during which he has visited Italy, Greece and Palestine.
He has now entirely recovered from his recent illness, and will resume his duties at once.—British Wireless Service.

FATAL CUP OF TEA.

MAN DRINKS ANT-KILLER BY MISTAKE.

Kwan Ping (37), employed by the Green Island Cement Company at Hingham, was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital at 5.30 p.m. yesterday after he had drunk from a teapot, which contained white ant-killer mixture, in mistake for tea. He died about an hour later.

POLITICAL TENSION IN ROUMANIA.

King Carol Attempts to Dissolve Parliament.

UPROAR IN SENATE.

Bucharest, Yesterday.
Cries of "Long Live Spain" and counter cries of "Long Live the King" were heard last night in the streets of Bucharest, where King Carol's intervention in political affairs has created acute political tension.

There were angry scenes in the Senate when the Government's programme was read proposing, inter alia, to restore to the Royal prerogative many powers which have fallen into disuse. An uproar followed the reading of the Royal decree dissolving Parliament and fixing June 1 and 4 for the elections, which, it is anticipated, will be very fiercely contested.—Reuter.

ZOOLOGICAL PARK.

ANIMALS IN THEIR NATURAL SURROUNDINGS.

PROGRESS OF SCHEME.

Rugby, Yesterday.
At the annual meeting of the Zoological Society, the opening at Whitsuntide of Whipsnade Zoological Park, in which animals will be seen in their natural surroundings, was discussed, and it was stated that although the park would take many years to complete, a great deal had already been done.

This park, which covers a large tract of land in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, is finely wooded, and commands magnificent views over a wide stretch of country. The approaches to the estate have been improved, a paddock and shelters for animals have been provided, and roads and paths have been constructed through the estate.

All the wild flowers, trees and shrubs natural to the locality have been protected and encouraged, and it is the intention of the Society to make the park a sanctuary for British wild flowers and wild birds, as well as a home for animals.

In the formation of the collection of animals, progress has been slow because of the high cost of providing barriers that would be safe and at the same time not unsightly. The ultimate intention is to make these barriers deep ditches, avoiding iron bars as much as possible, but for the present only light transparent fencing, which is limited to the kinds of animals that could be shown with safety, has been constructed.—British Wireless Service.

MUKDEN MARSHAL.

GUEST OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK IN NANKING.

Nanking, Yesterday.
General Chang Hsueh-liang arrived here by air from Tientsin at 2.15 this afternoon and proceeded immediately to temporary headquarters in Mr. T. V. Soong's residence. He will be the guest of honour at a dinner at Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's residence this evening.

WU PEI-FU AGAIN.

The re-emergence of the famous warlord, Wu Pei-fu, in the political arena, after a long retirement, now appears certain.

The Commander-in-Chief's headquarters has wired to various Generals concerned, to afford protection to Wu Pei-fu during his impending journey to Nanking from Szechuan.—Reuter.

"LABOUR DAY."

RECORD REST DAY IN SPAIN.

QUIETER THAN SUNDAY.

Madrid, Yesterday.
Spain's "Labour Day" to-morrow promises to be a record rest day. It is semi-officially announced that all workers except those engaged in the electricity and water supplies are expected to take a holiday.

No transport services will run in Madrid and most of the provincial towns. No newspapers are being published, and no bars, restaurants, cafes or banks are opening.

The morning will be devoted to official civic demonstrations, while in the afternoon the Royal parks and gardens will be opened to the public.—Reuter.

SIMPLE LARCENY.

SENTENCE FOR LIFE BANISHEE.

Kwok Luen-hing, an unemployed Chinese, and also a life banishee from the Colony, was produced at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and charged with breaking and entering Nos. 101 and 109, Temple Street on April 22 and 30 respectively. Two charges of simple larceny were also preferred, one on April 10 at 26, Woosung Street and another on April 13 at No. 2, Woosung Street. In addition he was charged with disobeying the banishment order. He pleaded "guilty" to all charges, and terms of imprisonment amounting to one year's hard labour were imposed.

TROUT STREAM RUIN.

Strong opposition to the proposal of Southampton Corporation to take water from the River Itchen is being offered by the Test Itchen Trout Fishing Association and the Hampshire Rivers Board of Conservators.

Part 4 of the Southampton Corporation Bill provides that the Corporation can augment their water supply by drawing not more than twelve million gallons a day from the Itchen.

This, the Conservators state, would have a detrimental effect on the fisheries and on all stream and meadow life for some distance above the point of intake right to the mouth of the river in Southampton. Mr. Charles E. Godwin, of the Test and Itchen Trout Fishing Association, said in an interview that this creates a grave danger to the celebrated trout fishing stream. There was strong opposition to the Bill, he added, on the part of all riparian owners whose meadows were threatened with insufficient water.

"It is believed that the Corporation have ample water at their disposal from their existing system of wells and borings, and that this system is capable of easy extension."

Members of Parliament are being circulated and asked to oppose this section of the Bill. In the memorandum sent to them by the Conservators it is pointed out that some 20 miles of famous, important, and valuable fishing will be ruined. The amount of water proposed to be taken out, they add, is about one-sixth of the estimated dry weather flow of the river. They contend, further, that the Corporation have in their area a fully adequate supply of water of first-class quality sufficient for all present and known future conditions. The geological conditions are stated to be such that the supply is, for the intended purposes, inexhaustible.

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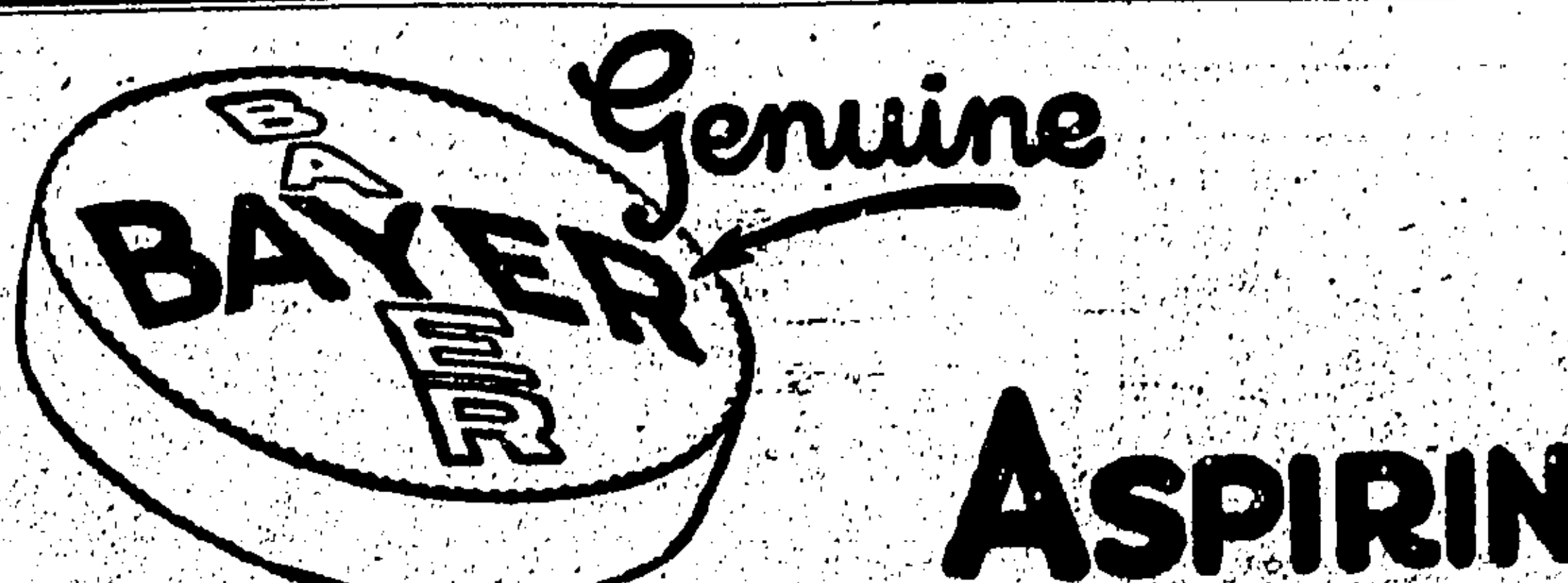
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